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United States

The U.S. economy is recovering moderately from the stagnant condition of the past six months. Flash estimates indicate that the real Gross National Product (GNP) will grow at an annual rate of 2.8 percent in the third quarter following a growth of 1.9 percent the previous quarter. The outlook suggests that the national economy should grow in the 3 to 3.5 percent range during the next twelve months.

The Federal Reserve Board's Index of Industrial Production increased three-tenths of one percent in August after being unchanged in July. Industrial output hardly increased during the past twelve months, since it was being undercut by foreign imports. The situation is expected to improve since imports are moderating and the production of durables such as auto parts, business equipment, and military hardware is increasing.

Seasonally adjusted retail sales increased 1.9 percent in August, following a revised 0.2 percent increase in July. The increase in August was due primarily to a 7.8 percent gain in auto sales, stimulated by subsidized interest rates. Retail sales should continue to grow at a 3 to 4 percent annual rate since consumers are still optimistic about the economy and are willing to purchase on credit. Total housing starts increased 6.2 percent in August, representing the sharpest increase among the various indicators of the national economy. With stable interest rates housing construction should continue to grow during the next few months.

The U.S. civilian unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 7.1 percent in September, compared with 7 percent in August. Total civilian employment increased 0.35 percent since August and is expected to grow steadily in the future. Therefore, the unemployment rate should not exceed the 7 to 7.3 percent range during the next twelve months.

The U.S. Leading Economic Indicator increased 0.7 percent in August, following an equal gain in July. This suggests the national economy should experience sustained growth during the next six to nine months.

The Consumer Price Index increased at an annual rate of 2.6 percent in August and the Producer Price Index declined 3.6 percent on an annual basis. This means that the economy will not be burdened by inflation in the near future Interest rates are expected to be stable in the next few months which should stimulate the interest-sensitive sectors such as housing construction, auto sales, and consumer durables.

Louisiana

The Louisiana economy improved moderately in August. The seasonally adjusted total employment increased 1.1 percent since July. This is 0.7 percent above the August 1984 level. The unemployment rate, also seasonally adjusted, was 11.2 percent compared with a revised 11.4 percent in July. Louisiana had the second highest unemployment rate among all the states of the nation in July. Only West Virginia with a 13.4 percent unemployment rate was ranked higher. Among the neighboring states, Texas with a 7.7 percent unemployment rate, Mississippi with a 10.9 percent unemployment rate and Arkansas with an unemployment rate of 8.8 percent were ranked 18, 3, and 13 respectively. Alabama and Tennessee ranked 6 and 14 in order of unemployment. Although unemployment rate alone does not reflect the economic health of a state, these relative rankings of states indicate that the Louisiana economy is faltering compared to its neighbors.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased by 1,400 workers, due to cutbacks in durables manufacturing, transportation and public utilities, and the government sector. The employment in durables manufacturing declined due to layoffs in the communications equipment industry and the ship and boatbuilding industry. Decreased activities in the ports and the trucking industry caused the employment drop in transportation, communications,and public utilities. Government employment declined due to a decrease in the state government employment payrolls.

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The Louisiana Economic Indicator (LEI) increased slightly in August continuing the trend of the past few months. The construction index continued to increase, suggesting an optimistic outlook for construction activities in the state. The indexes for mining and manufacturing declined in August, showing a pessimistic outlook for these industries. The uncertainties in these key sectors of the economy could dampen the economic growth in Louisiana, at least in the near future.

General state sales collections reported in August were 1.2 percent less than in July. General sales taxes were 30.8 percent higher in the most recent twelve month period compared to the twelve months previous. This increase is primarily due to the increase in the sales tax rate. Other indicators, such as the construction contracts, new car and truck sales, and crude runs to stills, all reflect the fact that the Louisiana economy was sluggish during the recent twelve months. The general outlook suggests that certain sectors of the economy, such as construction and services, should improve in the near future. However, some of the major sectors such as mining, petrochemicals, and petroleum refining still face uncertainties.

New Orleans

The New Orleans economy improved moderately in August, continuing the trend set in the beginning of summer. The seasonally adjusted total employment increased 0.79 percent in the current month, although the employment was still 2 percent below the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 11.3 percent compared with 11.7 percent in July. Only 15 metropolitan areas out of a total of 240 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than New Orleans in July (Table 1, Column 7). This represents a slight deterioration in unemployment ranking since June. Total nonagricultural employment dropped by 3,100 workers in August and was 19,200 below the level of a year ago. All the major sectors of the economy had suffered declining employment during the past year.

The New Orleans Leading Indicator declined 0.1 percent in August following a 0.27 decrease in July (Table 3). This suggests that the metropolitan economy may be restrained in the next few months.

Retail sales taxes reported in July increased 4.1 percent compared with June. The sales tax for the current twelve months increased 34.1 percent compared with the prior twelve months, almost entirely due to the increase in the sales tax rate. Construction contracts declined in the current twelve months, but the cargo handled at the port and the number of airline passengers at the New Orleans airport increased moderately. This indicates that although certain sectors of the metropolitan economy are recovering, the general outlook is not optimistic.

Baton Rouge

The Baton Rouge economy made a significant improvement in August. The seasonally adjusted total employment increased 1.57 percent since the previous month and was 1.8 percent above the level of August 1984. The unemployment rate, also seasonally adjusted, was 9.9 percent compared with 10.2 percent in August. Only 26 metropolitan areas out of a total of 240 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than Baton Rouge in July (Table 1, Column 7).

Total nonagricultural employment increased by 300 workers since July and by 800 workers since August 1984. The gains in employment were mainly in construction; transportation and public utilities; retail trade, finance, insurance, and real estate; and services.

The Baton Rouge Leading Indicator increased 0.1 in August, continuing the gains of the past few months. This suggests that the metropolitan economy should continue to grow during the next several months.

Retail sales taxes reported in July decreased 2.7 percent compared to June. The sales tax for the latest twelve months was 34.1 percent higher than the taxes in the prior twelve months, due primarily to the increase in the sales tax rate. The value of construction contracts and the port activities declined in the current twelve months, but the

number of airline passengers at the Baton Rouge airport increased significantly. This suggests that the metropolitan economy was unsteady during the past year. However, the recent trend in employment and the leading indicator suggests an optimistic outlook for the local economy.

Houma/Thibodaux

The Houma/Thibodaux economy improved slightly in August. Total employment increased 0.5 percent in August, which was below the state average. The unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, was 10.3 percent, compared with 10.8 percent in July. Only 24 metropolitan areas out of a total of 240 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than Houma/Thibodaux in July (Table 1, Column 7). Total nonagricultural employment declined by 900 workers in August and declined by 400 since August 1984. The decline in employment was primarily in transportation and public utilities; trade, finance, insurance, and real estate; and the services sector. Other sectors such as manufacturing, construction, and the government sectors experienced modest gains in employment.

Lafayette

The Lafayette economy improved noticeably in August, continuing the trend set in June. The seasonally adjusted total employment increased 1.44 percent in the current month, although the employment was 0.2 percent below the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.6 percent, compared with 8.9 percent in July. Only 44 metropolitan areas out of a total of 240 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than Lafayette in July (Table 1, Column 7).

Total nonagricultural employment declined by 100 workers in August and dropped by 1300 since August 1984. All the sectors of the economy except construction and government experienced declining employment.

Retail sales taxes reported in July decreased 9.3 percent since June. The sales tax for the latest twelve months increased 36.1 percent compared with the prior twelve months, but the gain would have been only 2.8 percent without the increase in the tax rate. The value of construction contracts doubled in July but dropped 27.7 percent in the current twelve months compared with the prior twelve months. The recent gains in employment suggest that the Lafayette economy should continue to grow moderately in the near future, although it will take a long time before wage and salary employment return to the peak of 1982.

Lake Charles

The Lake Charles economy improved in August, but the gain was below the state average. The seasonally adjusted total employment increased 0.44 percent in August, and it was 3.3 percent below the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 14.1 percent, compared with 14.2 in July. Lake Charles had the seventh highest unemployment rate among the 240 metropolitan areas of the United States.

Total nonagricultural employment declined by 400 workers since July and decreased by 2,900 since August 1984. The decline in employment was spread across all the sectors in the economy.

Retail sales taxes reported in July decreased 4 percent since June. The sales tax for the current twelve months is 33.2 percent compared with the prior twelve months, but it would not have increased without the increase in the tax rate. The value of construction contracts declined during the current twelve months, but the number of airline passengers increased moderately. The outlook suggests that although the economy of Lake Charles has shown signs of improvement in the past few months, it will take a long time to regain the ground lost since 1981.

Alexandria

The metropolitan economy improved moderately in August. The seasonally adjusted total employment increased 0.45 percent since July and increased 1.5 percent since August 1984. The unemployment rate, also seasonally adjusted, was 9.4 percent compared with 9.6 percent in July. Only 36 metropolitan areas out of a total of 240 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than Alexandria in July (Table 1, Column 7).

Total non-agricultural employment increased by 200 workers in August and by 300 workers since August 1984. The slight gains in employment were primarily in the durables manufacturing, construction, and trade sectors. Other sectors such as the services and finance, insurance, and real estate had declining employment.

Retail sales taxes reported in July decreased 3.2 percent since the prior month, but increased 44.9 percent in the latest twelve months compared with taxes during the prior twelve months. Sales taxes would have advanced only 11.6 percent without the increase in the tax rate. Construction contracts increased significantly during the current period, but airport activities declined. The Alexandria economy should continue to grow moderately but its lumber industry might face difficulties due to the uncertainties in this industry at the national level as a result of foreign competition.

Shreveport

The Shreveport economy recovered in August after faltering in July. The seasonally adjusted total employment

increased 1.67 percent since the prior month and increased 1.8 percent since August 1984. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.7 percent compared with 8.5 percent in July. Only 50 metropolitan areas out of a total of 240 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than Shreveport in July (Table 1, Column 7). Total nonagricultural employment increased by 800 workers in August and by 500 in the past twelve months. The gains in employment were mainly in construction, transportation and public utilities, and wholesale and retail trade. Other sectors such as manufacturing and finance, insurance, and real estate had declining employment.

The Shreveport Leading Indicator increased 0.8 percent in August, matching the gain of prior month. This suggests a moderate improvement for the Shreveport economy. Retail sales reported in July were 3.9 percent higher than in the previous month. The sales tax for the latest twelve months increased 28.2 percent compared with the prior twelve months, although the tax rate had increased by 33.3 percent. The value of construction contracts increased slightly in the current year and airport activities increased moderately. The recent improvement in the employment situation and the gain in the leading index implies that the metropolitan economy should continue to recover in the future.

Monroe

The metropolitan economy faltered in August. The seasonally adjusted total employment declined 0.88 percent since July and was 2.5 percent lower than the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.6 percent, compared with 9.3 percent in July. Out of a total of 240 metropolitan areas in the United States, only 44 had a higher unemployment rate than Monroe in July (Table 1, Column 7).

Total nonagricultural employment dropped by 2,100 workers in August and was 1700 below the level of a year ago. The government sector had the greatest decline in employment. Other sectors such as the construction, wholesale and retail trade, and finance, insurance, and real estate experienced moderate gains during the past year.

Retail sales taxes reported in July increased 9.4 percent compared to the previous month. Sales taxes of the current twelve months increased 39.6 percent compared to the prior twelve months. Sales tax would have advanced only 6.3 percent without the increase in the tax rate. Construction contracts increased 59.9 percent during the current twelve months, but airport activities declined. The retail and the construction sectors advanced significantly during the past year. However, the recent decline in almost all the sectors of the economy implies that the metropolitan economy will be sluggish in the near future.

Table 1

Data on Louisiana Metropolitan Areas

State/Metro Areas	Unemployment Rate 8/85 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate 7/85 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate 8/84 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Ranking by Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Among 51 States and 240 Metro Areas 7/85*	% Change in Number of Persons Employed 8/84-8/85
Louisiana	11.1%	11.2%	11.4%	11.4%	9.6%	9.7%	2**	0.7%
New Orleans	11.2%	11.3%	11.9%	11.7%	9.2%	9.3%	16	-2.0%
Baton Rouge	10.1%	9.9%	10.7%	10.2%	8.5%	8.3%	27	1.8%
Houma/Thibodaux	10.3%	na	10.8%	na	9.4%	na	25	0.5%
Lafayette	8.6%	8.6%	9.2%	8.9%	7.7%	7.6%	45	-0.2%
Lake Charles	13.7%	14.1%	14.3%	14.2%	13.2%	13.4%	7	-3.3%
Alexandria	9.2%	9.4%	9.7%	9.6%	7.7%	7.9%	37	1.5%
Shreveport	8.5%	8.7%	9.0%	8.5%	7.0%	7.2%	51	1.8%
Monroe	9.4%	9.6%	9.3%	9.3%	9.0%	9.1%	45	-2.5%

*Ranked from highest unemployment rate to lowest unemployment rate. The metropolitan area with the highest unemployment rate is ranked number 1 and the area with the lowest unemployment rate is ranked number 240.

**Louisiana 's rank among the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Table 2

Month	Unemployment Rate						Leading Indicators					
	Louisiana			United States			Louisiana 1976=100			United States 1967=100		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
Jan	11.8	10.9	11.4	10.4	8.0	7.4	106.0	112.4	110.9	145.2	164.5	166.3
Feb	12.7	11.0	11.9	10.2	7.8	7.3	106.3	113.1	110.6	147.4	166.5	167.7
Mar	12.7	10.4	11.9	10.2	7.8	7.3	106.4	113.5	110.7	150.2	167.2	167.9
Apr	12.4	10.0	11.4	10.2	7.8	7.3	106.6	113.7	110.9	152.5	168.1	166.9
May	12.3	9.9	11.2	10.1	7.5	7.3	107.1	113.8	111.1	154.4	168.2	167.4
Jun	12.5	10.0	11.6	10.0	7.1	7.3	107.7	113.8	111.1	157.3	166.7	168.0
Jul	12.1	9.9	11.7	9.5	7.5	7.3	108.4	113.9	111.2	158.2	163.9	168.7
Aug	11.7	9.6	11.1	9.5	7.5	7.0	109.0	113.8	111.2	158.9	164.4	na
Sep	11.1	9.5		9.1	7.4		109.5	113.3		160.0	165.7	
Oct	10.5	10.0		8.8	7.3		110.1	113.7		162.4	164.2	
Nov	10.7	10.2		8.4	7.1		110.8	112.0		162.5	165.2	
Dec	10.3	9.8		8.2	7.2		111.6	112.4		163.4	164.1	

Table 3

Month	Leading Indicators								
	New Orleans			Baton Rouge			Shreveport		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
Jan	100.5	105.5	97.5	96.0	103.3	98.1	98.4	108.7	102.7
Feb	101.0	105.8	97.6	96.8	103.6	98.1	100.4	109.0	101.9
Mar	101.4	105.8	97.8	97.5	103.6	98.2	102.5	108.7	101.4
Apr	101.8	105.4	98.0	98.1	103.2	98.4	104.6	107.7	101.3
May	102.5	104.8	98.1	98.6	102.5	98.7	106.4	106.3	101.7
Jun	103.3	103.8	98.0	99.0	101.5	99.0	107.6	105.0	102.4
Jul	104.0	102.6	97.8	99.5	100.6	99.3	108.3	103.9	103.2
Aug	104.4	101.2	97.7	100.1	99.6	99.3	108.5	103.3	104.0
Sep	104.7	99.8		100.7	98.9		108.3	103.1	
Oct	104.8	98.6		101.4	98.4		108.0	103.2	
Nov	104.9	97.9		102.1	98.2		107.8	103.3	
Dec	105.1	97.6		102.8	98.2		108.1	103.2	

Economic Indicators: Louisiana State

							Per Cent Change		
							Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
							Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
■ Employment & Wage Statistics	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	1,955.9	1,932.2	1,947.9	1,961.4	1,967.8	2,002.3	2.3	0.7	0.6
Total Employed (000)	1,768.1	1,712.6	1,729.1	1,751.6	1,755.9	1,780.5	0.7	1.4	0.0
Non-Agricultural Employment (000)									
Non-Agricultural	1,600.1	1,586.7	1,590.7	1,593.3	1,580.1	1,578.7	-1.4	-0.1	0.2
Wholesale And Retail Trade	383.9	380.0	379.0	381.6	381.7	381.2	-0.8	-0.2	0.4
Government	313.5	327.6	328.2	322.4	315.8	315.0	0.4	-0.3	1.3
Services	311.2	313.4	314.0	316.7	314.2	314.8	1.1	0.1	1.2
Manufacturing	184.7	179.1	178.8	180.7	177.9	176.9	-4.3	-0.6	0.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	119.5	116.3	116.5	116.2	115.2	114.4	-4.3	-0.7	-1.1
Construction	122.8	108.1	110.3	112.4	111.6	112.8	-8.2	1.0	-6.7
Finance, Insurance, And R E	83.7	83.7	83.8	84.3	84.4	84.5	0.9	0.1	0.6
Mining	80.8	79.2	79.1	79.0	79.3	79.1	-2.2	-0.3	-0.7
Total Unemployed (000)	187.8	219.6	218.8	229.7	231.9	221.8	18.1	-4.4	5.8
Unemployment Rate	9.6	11.4	11.2	11.6	11.7	11.1	15.6	-5.2	5.1
Unemployment Benefits (000 Weeks)	227.0	270.0	276.5	233.2	285.6	250.8	10.4	-12.2	0.8
Unemployment Benefits ($ Mil)	33.0	39.6	40.3	34.0	41.6	36.1	9.3	-13.3	-1.0
Average Weekly Mfg Hours	41.1	41.0	41.2	41.5	41.0	39.9	-3.0	-2.7	0.3
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings $	413.88	428.45	434.66	425.38	424.76	417.35	0.8	-1.8	3.5
New Claims (000)	26.6	29.2	26.9	36.7	31.7	33.6	26.3	5.9	-4.3
Exhaustions (000)	6.6	7.0	8.2	6.2	7.6	7.0	6.0	-7.9	-12.5
Regular State Unemployment Benefits									
Number of Recipients	208,476	250,063	256,869	216,892	266,885	234,110	12.2	-12.3	na
Benefits Paid $	29,795,562	36,157,957	36,888,485	31,180,739	38,368,867	33,275,096	11.6	-13.3	na
Federal Employees									
Number of Recipients	1,252	985	1,157	1,020	1,358	1,312	4.7	-3.4	na
Benefits Paid $	159,610	123,511	148,926	129,841	183,380	185,610	16.2	1.2	na
Ex-Servicemen									
Number of Recipients	1,574	1,380	1,415	1,157	1,400	1,341	-14.9	-4.3	na
Benefits Paid $	235,857	204,696	217,535	181,072	218,041	204,128	-13.5	-6.4	na
■ Retail Trade ($ Mil)	Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85			
Total Retail Sales	1,715	1,788	1,780	1,908	1,803	1,784	4.0	-1.1	2.4
Total Department Sales	166	181	178	187	172	172	3.6	0.0	3.6
■ Revenue Collections $	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Alcoholic Beverages									
Liquor & Wine Tax	1,412,502	1,368,342	1,452,914	1,681,557	1,392,534	1,444,173	2.2	3.7	-4.7
Beer Tax, State	3,003,792	2,471,501	3,161,910	3,636,245	3,289,263	3,329,994	10.8	1.2	1.0
Retail Alcoholic Beverage	1,399,822	1,721,262	1,517,934	1,344,620	2,228,966	888,787	-36.6	-60.2	na
Corporation Franchise Tax	2,885,525	6,639,576	130,786,945	8,962,239	4,600,371	4,840,717	67.7	5.2	75.6
Gift	70,976	1,389,558	121,320	75,892	149,484	137,832	94.1	-7.8	25.1
Hazardous Waste	na	825,547	-23,405	43,758	984,375	2,534	na	-99.8	na
Income									
Corporation Income Tax	4,583,268	42,168,227	57,781,702	45,011,307	10,380,163	10,880,176	133.2	2.9	9.9
Individual Income Tax	34,935,593	54,377,877	83,391,212	39,858,596	49,276,215	55,721,986	59.4	34.9	29.2
Inheritance & Estate Transfer	2,669,528	2,277,655	2,445,270	2,194,029	2,316,221	2,967,171	11.1	28.1	-18.2
Natural Resources									
General Severance Tax	65,272,563	57,075,451	64,355,606	58,327,169	65,969,127	54,881,894	-16.0	-16.9	-16.5
Reforestation Severance	9,295	4,895	5,171	na	4,966	na	na	na	na
Occupation License	19,872	2,376	53,184	8,387	9,720	12,030	-39.5	23.7	-53.9
Petroleum Products									
Gasoline Tax	23,968,746	22,951,312	27,099,618	25,749,757	23,817,328	26,558,152	10.8	12.4	75.7
Inspection Fee (Gasoline)	71,904	46,416	85,356	62,140	62,937	64,829	-9.9	3.0	-5.5
Special Fuels	4,094,239	5,169,339	4,915,143	3,572,941	5,273,729	4,657,518	13.7	-11.7	73.6
Public Utilities & Carriers									
Inspection & Superision Fee	24,099	29,537	7,873	7,537	3,861	16,178	-32.9	341.9	5.5
Natural Gas Franchise	2,347,274	239,474	2,499,627	511,704	828,953	1,199,345	-49.0	44.6	-12.7
Transportation & Communication	5,120,822	756,715	6,512,554	26,407	5,116,994	2,136,368	-58.3	-58.3	18.7
Louisiana General Sales tax	85,944,440	91,894,305	86,926,567	87,957,946	92,870,382	84,918,234	-1.2	-8.6	-92.8
Soft Drink	1,170,833	894,967	940,211	1,020,185	1,174,139	1,234,843	5.4	5.1	3.3
Soft Drink Permit	15	110	120	391	-369	22,690	51,166.6	-6,249.0	1,694.5
Tobacco	8,455,810	7,201,934	7,206,143	7,170,844	7,480,904	6,729,061	-20.5	-10.1	26.7
Tobacco Permit	10	25	65	35	25	5	-50.0	-80.0	-1.6
Unclaimed Property	44,516	119,415	1,187,588	24,950	30,810	10,219	-77.1	-66.9	31.1
Other Taxes									
Beer Parishes & Municipalties	491,580	516,159	320,520	543,505	439,426	508,191	3.3	15.6	-1.1
LA Stadium & Exposition District	1,458,678	1,071,296	1,128,454	831,892	1,122,809	947,572	-35.1	-15.7	19.1
New Orleans Exhibition Hall	596,254	471,970	509,259	351,540	485,763	406,764	-32.2	-16.5	23.2
Motor Vehicle Tax	14,219,460	12,952,929	13,507,619	11,675,954	14,265,010	12,107,519	-14.9	-15.2	23.7
Royalties, Rentals, and Bonuses	51,344,235	35,468,188	38,066,524	37,598,797	35,295,396	37,743,437	-26.5	6.9	na
Total ($000)	315,617	350,106	535,963	338,250	320,669	314,176	-0.5	-2.1	22.4

Economic Indicators: Louisiana State

Per Cent Change

	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Construction			
Value of Cons Contracts ($ Mil)	-46.9	-1.6	-9.6
Residential	-1.8	91.7	-21.9
Non-Residential	-60.3	25.9	-7.9
Non-Building	-100.0	-100.0	15.4
Number Of Construction Contracts	12.5	145.1	-29.4
Number of Permits			
Residential Building	-20.9	6.1	-37.0
One Family Houses	-8.4	-18.7	-27.0
Two Family Buildings	32.0	3.1	-42.9
Multi-Family Buildings	-35.5	85.1	-46.6
Commercial & Industrial	-30.9	-18.7	-7.8
Hotels & Motels	-94.3	-41.1	-40.2
Churches	0.0	16.6	-18.6
Industrial Buildings	63.1	24.0	3.3
Hospitals	-33.4	-42.9	-30.6
Offices, Banks, & Profession	-9.5	-4.3	-3.6
Retail Stores	31.3	6.8	-7.3
Additions & Alterations	-20.8	-28.9	0.5
Other Buildings	-5.0	-10.1	-6.6
Value of Permits			
Residential Building	-17.4	3.8	356.9
One Family Houses	-12.2	-11.8	-23.2
Two Family Buildings	35.2	-30.9	-40.6
Multi-Family Buildings	-31.2	127.5	-50.4
Commercial & Industrial	2.2	6.6	-8.9
Hotels & Motels	-98.5	-0.7	-62.7
Churches	-52.4	-3.0	-49.4
Industrial Buildings	89.3	123.6	28.1
Hospitals	-5.5	6.6	-62.9
Offices, Banks, & Profession	-24.3	-20.8	35.2
Retail Stores	0.6	-33.4	8.0
Additions & Alterations	50.1	44.1	9.4
Other Buildings	131.6	18.1	-2.1

New Car Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85			
Audi	na	na	na	96	56	75	na	91	92	83	78	51	na	-34.7	na
BMW	na	na	na	67	54	80	na	67	72	52	69	96	na	42.0	na
Buick	1,013	929	875	1,089	785	1,034	948	1,088	1,022	958	936	1,274	34.3	36.1	-14.6
Cadillac	379	350	305	408	294	339	331	423	402	380	382	468	41.3	22.5	-11.9
Chevrolet	1,848	1,381	1,320	1,957	1,452	1,905	1,743	1,924	1,767	1,755	1,657	2,397	37.5	44.6	-3.6
Chrysler	444	523	349	490	438	571	363	623	674	428	353	707	94.7	100.2	61.1
Datsun	417	677	687	876	599	735	562	803	1,027	1,045	902	1,137	102.3	26.0	14.1
Dodge	454	509	328	534	453	600	345	468	426	394	364	533	54.4	46.4	27.8
Ford	2,130	1,828	1,416	1,966	1,453	1,899	1,440	1,922	1,873	1,603	1,512	2,507	74.0	65.8	1.6
Honda	537	419	384	766	340	386	314	454	381	382	363	424	35.0	16.8	0.9
Lincoln	397	397	282	396	248	317	305	281	240	291	365	515	68.8	41.0	18.4
Mazda	214	190	129	185	175	200	226	196	209	200	254	266	17.6	4.7	-0.3
Mercedes	na	na	na	126	88	86	na	103	95	68	104	77	na	-26.0	na
Mercury	758	648	664	736	559	715	715	644	621	684	688	1,059	48.1	53.9	1.2
Oldsmobile	1,285	1,236	1,160	1,673	1,276	1,511	1,327	1,767	1,654	1,581	1,415	1,964	48.0	38.7	-18.4
Plymouth	273	307	233	373	339	427	197	284	236	244	296	369	87.3	24.6	33.3
Pontiac	1,114	838	748	1,018	702	1,033	836	1,231	1,111	847	866	1,551	85.5	79.0	0.0
Porshe	na	na	na	36	29	28	na	26	27	27	18	28	na	55.5	na
Renault	108	83	74	49	53	93	90	63	69	50	55	162	80.0	194.5	-35.2
Subaru	na	na	na	97	88	111	na	108	110	99	92	122	na	32.6	na
Toyota	801	714	661	936	703	788	744	780	1,085	939	972	1,039	39.6	6.8	10.3
Volkswagen	88	60	78	113	94	111	108	146	168	146	156	175	62.0	12.1	17.3
Volvo	81	74	113	128	87	129	75	136	123	116	143	118	57.3	-17.5	-9.8
Other	499	392	412	164	102	134	472	140	185	160	167	199	-57.9	19.1	-48.7
Total Car Sales	12,840	11,555	10,218	14,299	10,467	13,287	11,141	13,768	13,669	12,532	12,207	17,240	54.7	41.2	-0.1

New Truck Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85			
Chevrolet	1,803	1,561	1,376	1,912	1,289	1,763	1,586	2,156	2,233	2,121	1,755	2,019	27.3	15.0	-3.3
Datsun	300	276	298	586	453	369	178	357	394	321	318	399	124.1	25.4	40.1
Dodge	750	651	631	875	811	1,007	576	891	864	801	651	848	47.2	30.2	22.7
Ford	2,261	1,989	1,679	2,233	1,690	2,163	1,855	2,154	2,399	2,112	1,667	1,836	-1.1	10.1	-7.9
GMC	641	508	399	547	388	514	437	649	696	649	528	654	49.6	23.8	5.0
International	na	na	na	35	26	66	na	63	49	45	49	19	na	-61.3	na
Mazda	198	108	116	183	151	152	178	126	147	164	140	183	-14.1	8.2	-8.3
Peterbilt	na	na	na	4	3	21	na	2	7	2	5	5	na	0.0	na
Toyota	678	481	481	823	648	674	793	720	700	604	777	792	-0.2	1.9	12.2
Other	474	388	431	472	380	464	445	584	506	428	360	402	-9.7	11.6	7.2
Total Truck Sales	7,105	5,942	5,411	7,650	5,839	7,193	6,048	7,702	7,995	7,247	6,250	7,127	17.8	14.0	2.5

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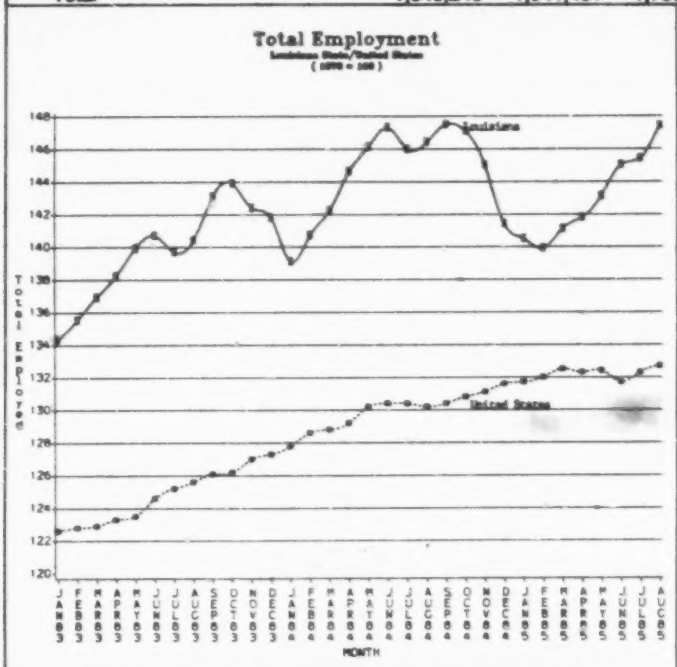
■ Crude Petroleum Production	Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Crude Runs To Stills (Daily Avg.)									
CITGO Petroleum	255,723	134,844	165,298	210,758	217,034	223,457	-12.7	2.9	-24.0
CONOCO Inc.	123,552	129,113	120,652	129,549	130,479	128,389	3.9	-1.7	6.8
EXXON Company	450,470	435,599	452,213	435,018	398,783	426,584	-5.4	6.9	0.9
Gulf Oil Company	127,388	182,903	186,297	197,172	196,285	186,751	46.9	-4.4	12.9
Marathon Oil	191,952	166,033	164,724	164,871	173,253	165,644	-13.8	-4.4	-8.2
Murphy Oil Company	49,412	52,051	45,139	45,485	50,113	55,454	12.2	10.6	-12.4
Shell Oil Company	206,844	175,691	186,612	122,508	166,445	178,280	-13.9	7.0	-6.0
Tenneco Oil Company	80,343	101,020	97,119	105,772	106,897	97,935	21.8	-10.1	20.5
Texaco Inc.	0	169,477	173,840	181,714	174,532	124,757	0.0	-28.6	21.7
Others	154,562	95,930	114,993	138,011	162,804	160,322	3.7	-1.5	-6.4
Total	1,640,246	1,641,461	1,706,887	1,730,858	1,780,625	1,750,553	6.7	-1.7	-1.7



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							Per Cent Change		
							Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
							Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
■ Employment & Wage Statistics	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	1,955.9	1,932.2	1,947.9	1,981.4	1,987.8	**2,002.3**	2.3	*0.7*	0.6
Total Employed (000)	1,768.1	1,712.6	1,729.1	1,751.6	1,755.9	**1,780.5**	0.7	*1.4*	0.0
Non-Agricultural Employment (000)									
Non-Agricultural	1,600.1	1,586.7	1,590.7	1,593.3	1,580.1	**1,578.7**	-1.4	*-0.1*	0.2
Wholesale And Retail Trade	383.9	380.0	379.0	381.6	381.7	**381.2**	-0.8	*-0.2*	0.4
Government	313.5	327.6	328.2	322.4	315.8	**315.0**	0.4	*-0.3*	1.3
Services	311.2	313.4	314.0	316.7	314.2	**314.8**	1.1	*0.1*	1.2
Manufacturing	184.7	179.1	179.8	180.7	177.9	**176.9**	-4.3	*-0.6*	0.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	119.5	116.3	116.5	116.2	115.2	**114.4**	-4.3	*-0.7*	-1.1
Construction	122.8	108.1	110.3	112.4	111.6	**112.8**	-8.2	*1.0*	-6.7
Finance, Insurance, And RE	83.7	83.7	83.8	84.3	84.4	**84.5**	0.9	*0.1*	0.6
Mining	80.8	79.2	79.1	79.0	79.3	**79.1**	-2.2	*-0.3*	-0.7
Total Unemployed (000)	187.8	219.6	218.8	229.7	231.9	**221.8**	18.1	*-4.4*	5.8
Unemployment Rate	9.6	11.4	11.2	11.6	11.7	**11.1**	15.6	*-5.2*	5.1
Unemployment Benefits (000 Weeks)	227.0	270.0	276.5	233.2	285.6	**250.8**	10.4	*-12.2*	0.8
Unemployment Benefits ($ Mil)	33.0	39.6	40.3	34.0	41.6	**36.1**	9.3	*-13.3*	-1.0
Average Weekly Mfg Hours	41.1	41.0	41.2	41.5	41.0	**39.9**	-3.0	*-2.7*	0.3
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings $	413.88	428.45	434.66	425.38	424.76	**417.35**	0.8	*-1.8*	3.5
New Claims (000)	26.6	29.2	26.9	36.7	31.7	**33.6**	26.3	*5.9*	-4.3
Exhaustions (000)	6.6	7.0	6.2	6.2	7.6	**7.0**	6.0	*-7.9*	-12.5
Regular State Unemployment Benefits									
Number of Recipients	208,476	250,063	256,869	216,892	266,885	**234,110**	12.2	*-12.3*	na
Benefits Paid $	29,795,562	36,157,957	36,888,485	31,180,739	38,368,867	**33,275,086**	11.6	*-13.3*	na
Federal Employees									
Number of Recipients	1,252	985	1,157	1,020	1,358	**1,312**	4.7	*-3.4*	na
Benefits Paid $	159,610	123,511	148,926	129,841	183,380	**185,610**	16.2	*1.2*	na
Ex-Servicemen									
Number of Recipients	1,574	1,380	1,415	1,157	1,400	**1,341**	-14.9	*-4.3*	na
Benefits Paid $	235,857	204,696	217,535	181,072	218,041	**204,128**	-13.5	*-6.4*	na
■ Retail Trade ($ Mil)	Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	**Jul 85**			
Total Retail Sales	1,715	1,788	1,780	1,908	1,803	**1,784**	4.0	*-1.1*	2.4
Total Department Sales	166	181	178	187	172	**172**	3.6	*0.0*	3.6
■ Revenue Collections $	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Alcoholic Beverages									
Liquor & Wine Tax	1,412,502	1,368,342	1,452,914	1,681,557	1,392,534	**1,444,173**	2.2	*3.7*	-4.7
Beer Tax, State	3,003,792	2,471,501	3,161,910	3,636,245	3,289,263	**3,329,994**	10.8	*1.2*	1.0
Retail Alcoholic Beverage	1,399,822	1,721,262	1,517,934	1,344,620	2,228,966	**888,787**	-36.6	*-60.2*	na
Corporation Franchise Tax	2,885,525	6,639,576	130,786,945	8,962,239	4,600,371	**4,840,717**	67.7	*5.2*	75.6
Gift	70,976	1,389,558	121,320	75,892	149,484	**137,832**	94.1	*-7.8*	25.1
Hazardous Waste	na	825,547	-23,405	43,758	984,375	**2,534**	na	*-99.8*	na
Income									
Corporation Income Tax	4,583,268	42,168,227	57,781,702	45,011,307	10,380,163	**10,690,176**	133.2	*2.9*	9.9
Individual Income Tax	34,935,593	54,377,877	83,391,212	39,858,596	41,276,215	**55,721,986**	59.4	*34.9*	29.2
Inheritance & Estate Transfer	2,669,528	2,277,655	2,445,270	2,194,029	2,316,221	**2,967,171**	11.1	*28.1*	-18.2
Natural Resources									
General Severance Tax	65,272,563	57,075,451	64,355,608	58,327,169	65,969,127	**54,881,694**	-16.0	*-16.9*	-16.5
Reforestation Severance	9,295	4,895	5,171	na	4,968	**na**	na	*na*	na
Occupation License	19,872	2,376	53,184	8,387	9,720	**12,030**	-39.5	*23.7*	-53.9
Petroleum Products									
Gasoline Tax	23,968,746	22,951,312	27,099,618	25,749,757	23,617,328	**26,558,152**	10.8	*12.4*	75.7
Inspection Fee (Gasoline)	71,904	46,416	85,356	62,140	62,937	**64,829**	-9.9	*3.0*	-5.5
Special Fuels	4,094,239	5,169,339	4,915,143	3,572,941	5,273,729	**4,657,518**	13.7	*-11.7*	73.6
Public Utilities & Carriers									
Inspection & Superision Fee	24,099	29,537	7,873	7,537	3,661	**16,178**	-32.9	*341.9*	5.5
Natural Gas Franchise	2,347,274	239,474	2,499,627	511,704	828,953	**1,199,345**	-49.0	*44.6*	-12.7
Transportation & Communication	5,120,822	756,715	6,512,554	26,407	5,116,994	**2,136,368**	-58.3	*-58.3*	18.7
Louisiana General Sales tax	85,944,440	91,894,305	86,926,567	87,957,946	92,870,382	**84,918,234**	-1.2	*-8.6*	-92.8
Soft Drink	1,170,833	894,967	940,211	1,020,185	1,174,139	**1,234,643**	5.4	*5.1*	3.3
Soft Drink Permit	15	110	120	391	-369	**22,690**	51,166.6	*-6,249.0*	1,694.5
Tobacco	8,455,810	7,201,934	7,206,143	7,170,844	7,480,904	**6,729,061**	-20.5	*-10.1*	26.7
Tobacco Permit	10	25	65	35	25	**5**	-50.0	*-80.0*	-1.6
Unclaimed Property	44,516	119,415	1,187,588	24,950	30,810	**10,219**	-77.1	*-66.9*	31.1
Other Taxes									
Beer Parishes & Municipalities	491,580	516,159	320,520	543,505	439,428	**508,191**	3.3	*15.6*	-1.1
LA Stadium & Exposition District	1,458,678	1,071,296	1,128,454	831,892	1,122,809	**947,572**	-35.1	*-15.7*	19.1
New Orleans Exhibition Hall	598,254	471,970	509,259	351,540	485,763	**405,764**	-32.2	*-16.5*	23.2
Motor Vehicle Tax	14,219,460	12,952,929	13,507,619	11,675,954	14,265,010	**12,107,519**	-14.9	*-15.2*	23.7
Royalties, Rentals, and Bonuses	51,344,235	35,468,188	38,066,524	37,598,797	35,295,396	**37,743,437**	-26.5	*6.9*	na
Total ($000)	315,617	350,106	535,963	338,250	320,669	**314,176**	-0.5	*-2.1*	22.4

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							Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
■ Construction	Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	**Jul 85**			
Value of Cons Contracts ($ Mil)	542.5	335.9	317.5	347.4	292.9	**288.4**	-46.9	*-1.6*	-9.6
Residential	174.8	134.2	149.9	137.7	89.6	**171.8**	-1.8	*91.7*	-21.9
Non-Residential	293.4	129.4	113.9	147.3	92.6	**116.6**	-60.3	*25.9*	-7.9
Non-Building	74.3	72.3	53.7	62.4	110.7	**0.0**	-100.0	*-100.0*	15.4
Number Of Construction Contracts	3,484	2,656	2,899	2,759	1,599	**3,920**	12.5	*145.1*	-29.4
■ Number of Permits	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Residential Building	2,197	1,456	1,703	1,866	1,639	**1,740**	-20.9	*6.1*	-37.0
One Family Houses	1,063	986	1,079	850	1,197	**974**	-8.4	*-18.7*	-27.0
Two Family Buildings	50	70	56	24	64	**66**	32.0	*3.1*	-42.9
Multi-Family Buildings	1,084	400	568	992	378	**700**	-35.5	*85.1*	-46.6
Commercial & Industrial	1,619	1,176	1,470	1,062	1,375	**1,119**	-30.9	*-18.7*	-7.8
Hotels & Motels	399	0	109	0	39	**23**	-94.3	*-41.1*	-40.2
Churches	7	11	6	5	6	**7**	0.0	*16.6*	-18.6
Industrial Buildings	19	21	18	14	25	**31**	63.1	*24.0*	3.3
Hospitals	6	8	2	1	7	**4**	-33.4	*-42.9*	-30.6
Offices, Banks, & Profession	74	93	62	44	70	**67**	-9.5	*-4.3*	-3.6
Retail Stores	83	96	77	82	102	**109**	31.3	*6.8*	-7.3
Additions & Alterations	645	548	786	541	718	**511**	-20.8	*-28.9*	0.5
Other Buildings	386	399	410	375	408	**367**	-5.0	*-10.1*	-6.6
■ Value of Permits	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Residential Building	85,844,345	68,678,259	69,437,761	76,059,623	68,379,403	**70,978,310**	-17.4	*3.8*	356.9
One Family Houses	58,319,197	52,388,839	56,111,294	44,885,795	58,046,447	**51,221,799**	-12.2	*-11.8*	-23.2
Two Family Buildings	1,213,089	1,625,171	1,377,648	484,737	2,372,848	**1,641,227**	35.2	*-30.9*	-40.6
Multi-Family Buildings	26,312,059	14,664,249	11,948,819	30,689,091	7,960,108	**18,115,284**	-31.2	*127.5*	-50.4
Commercial & Industrial	116,636,516	108,451,991	126,656,557	115,073,033	111,823,819	**119,290,176**	2.2	*6.6*	-6.9
Hotels & Motels	20,792,641	169,000	1,225,000	0	331,261	**329,187**	-98.5	*-0.7*	-62.7
Churches	1,711,726	1,614,406	321,632	1,297,688	841,087	**815,887**	-52.4	*-3.0*	-49.4
Industrial Buildings	4,648,066	4,427,159	4,181,479	5,204,202	3,934,033	**8,799,703**	89.3	*123.6*	28.1
Hospitals	6,096,235	4,212,800	3,457,172	1,440,000	5,402,771	**5,761,869**	-5.5	*6.6*	-62.9
Offices, Banks, & Profession	28,648,208	43,860,332	50,816,876	66,169,742	27,406,129	**21,709,788**	-24.3	*-20.8*	35.2
Retail Stores	16,795,769	18,066,012	17,674,182	13,759,903	25,360,142	**16,901,454**	0.6	*-33.4*	8.0
Additions & Alterations	28,142,347	24,014,456	31,378,684	19,931,441	29,326,352	**42,264,714**	50.1	*44.1*	9.4
Other Buildings	9,801,504	12,087,826	17,601,532	7,270,057	19,222,044	**22,707,574**	131.6	*18.1*	-2.1
■ FHLB Construction Loans ($ Mil)	Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	**Jun 85**			
Construction									
Condominium $	6.3	0.9	0.3	0.6	0.9	**2.9**	-54.0	*222.2*	-62.2
1-to-4 Unit $	26.4	10.5	19.0	21.1	15.6	**16.9**	-36.0	*8.3*	-6.2
5 or More $	13.1	0.5	2.8	0.8	2.8	**4.1**	-68.8	*46.4*	-49.5
Non-Residential $	27.9	6.9	15.6	30.9	12.4	**10.0**	-64.2	*-19.4*	-42.6
Purchases									
Single (New) $	35.5	14.7	14.6	13.9	14.3	**15.0**	-57.8	*4.8*	-6.8
Family (Other) $	60.1	21.3	28.1	36.1	43.0	**46.3**	-23.0	*7.6*	-3.5
2-to-4 Unit $	12.5	4.5	7.3	5.2	6.3	**6.9**	-44.8	*9.5*	-3.4
5 or More $	5.5	0.9	6.5	3.6	2.1	**4.4**	-20.0	*109.5*	-10.7
Non-Residential $	25.1	19.5	12.3	9.5	30.6	**33.0**	31.4	*7.8*	25.9
Other									
Land Loans $	8.5	21.6	24.9	8.4	13.1	**15.7**	84.7	*19.8*	64.8
Refinancing $	34.7	24.8	35.0	27.3	31.2	**25.3**	-27.1	*-19.0*	-7.2
All Other $	26.0	12.4	22.5	21.2	22.3	**25.2**	-3.1	*13.0*	32.5
Total Loans Closed $	281.6	138.6	188.9	178.5	194.6	**205.7**	-27.0	*5.7*	-20.9
Loans in Process $	439.1	302.0	290.8	278.4	259.6	**237.1**	-46.1	*-8.7*	-7.3
■ General Business Activity	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Corporation Filings									
Domestic Charters	1,108	1,080	1,133	961	1,208	**894**	-37.4	*-42.6*	4.4
Amendments To Domestic Charters	85	74	93	117	113	**88**	3.5	*-22.2*	na
Notices of Dissolution	131	53	85	78	56	**41**	-68.8	*-26.8*	na
Dissolutions	221	378	289	228	186	**145**	-34.4	*-22.1*	140.4
Mergers or Consolidations	59	108	122	220	221	**156**	164.4	*-29.5*	144.4
Foreign Qualifications	105	160	187	134	161	**93**	-11.5	*-42.3*	na
Amendments to Foreign Charters	26	42	21	25	28	**12**	-53.9	*-57.2*	27.0
Withdrawals	28	44	33	35	26	**27**	-3.6	*3.8*	81.1
Telephone Lines (000)	1,733.5	1,727.1	1,740.9	1,756.7	1,758.0	**1,755.9**	1.2	*-0.2*	na
Foreign Coal Exports (000 Tons)	704.2	457.9	425.3	657.4	627.8	**997.7**	41.6	*58.9*	30.3
Foreign Coal Imports (000 Tons)	299.7	701.0	852.2	683.0	676.8	**626.4**	109.0	*-7.5*	41.6
■ Fuel Consumption (000 Gals)	Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	**Jul 85**			
Gasoline	150,050	169,496	178,212	174,526	178,470	**177,504**	18.2	*-0.6*	-4.9
Gasohol	294	5,681	5,874	3,890	7,179	**15,680**	5,218.4	*118.4*	na
Highway Diesel	25,155	31,981	30,186	21,766	31,639	**28,853**	14.7	*-8.9*	-7.3
Highway LPG	403	338	545	565	1,324	**232**	-42.5	*-82.5*	9.0
Total Fuel Consumption	175,904	207,497	214,818	200,548	218,614	**222,270**	26.3	*1.6*	-2.5

Economic Indicators: Louisiana State — Per Cent Change

							Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
■ Crude Petroleum Production	Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
Crude Runs To Stills (Daily Avg.)									
CITGO Petroleum	255,723	134,644	165,298	210,758	217,034	**223,457**	-12.7	*2.9*	-24.0
CONOCO Inc.	123,552	129,113	120,652	129,549	130,479	**128,389**	3.9	*-1.7*	6.8
EXXON Company	450,470	435,599	452,213	435,018	398,783	**426,584**	-5.4	*6.9*	0.9
Gulf Oil Company	127,388	182,903	186,297	197,172	198,285	**189,751**	48.9	*-4.4*	12.9
Marathon Oil	191,952	165,033	164,724	164,871	173,253	**165,644**	-13.8	*-4.4*	-8.2
Murphy Oil Company	49,412	52,051	45,139	45,485	50,113	**55,454**	12.2	*10.6*	-12.4
Shell Oil Company	206,844	175,691	186,612	122,508	166,445	**178,260**	-13.9	*7.0*	-6.0
Tenneco Oil Company	80,343	101,020	97,119	105,772	108,897	**97,935**	21.8	*-10.1*	20.5
Texaco Inc.	0	169,477	173,840	181,714	174,532	**124,757**	0.0	*-28.6*	21.7
Others	154,562	95,930	114,993	138,011	162,804	**160,322**	3.7	*-1.6*	-6.4
Total	1,640,246	1,641,461	1,706,887	1,730,858	1,780,625	**1,750,553**	6.7	*-1.7*	-1.7
■ LOOP, Inc. Activity (Bbls)	Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	**Jul 85**			
Alaska	633,893	3,629,906	2,588,563	1,649,094	3,572,988	**3,315,033**	422.9	*-7.3*	172.1
Mexico	5,078,250	5,341,841	4,544,745	7,614,412	4,646,212	**4,488,955**	-11.7	*-3.4*	-2.4
United Kingdom	0	0	0	0	502,250	**496,783**	0.0	*-1.1*	-38.9
Iraq	699,851	0	0	0	1,112,359	**1,686,103**	140.9	*51.5*	529.8
Iran	0	0	0	4,158,420	0	**1,300,013**	0.0	*0.0*	52.1
Saudi Arabia	2,913,363	0	2,889,324	0	0	**0**	-100.0	*0.0*	-48.5
United Arab Emerits	799,626	0	0	313,427	299,847	**0**	-100.0	*-100.0*	-10.7
Nigeria	1,311,239	0	897,704	2,874,974	1,263,838	**3,142,803**	139.6	*148.6*	-43.2
Gabon	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	148.3
Congo	483,760	0	0	0	995,825	**0**	-100.0	*-100.0*	-53.5
Algeria	0	1,113,539	1,376,627	632,639	0	**605,533**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Ecuador	0	0	0	0	0	**395,831**	0.0	*0.0*	-46.9
Other	483,760	0	0	510,840	0	**0**	-100.0	*0.0*	-64.4
Total	12,403,742	10,085,286	12,296,963	17,753,806	12,393,319	**15,431,054**	24.4	*24.5*	-3.9
■ Drilling Rigs	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Permits Issued	916	397	354	507	619	**540**	-41.1	*-12.8*	-4.2
Wildcats Issued	52	56	47	51	68	**76**	46.1	*11.7*	-5.3
Offshore Rigs	19	8	11	12	14	**16**	-15.8	*14.2*	-34.6
Active Rigs	262	220	211	212	250	**232**	-11.5	*-7.2*	3.0
■ Welfare Activity	Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
Aid to Dependent Children									
Total Assistance Payments	$ 12,600,214	12,783,127	13,067,955	13,099,935	13,004,535	**12,973,683**	2.9	*-0.3*	na
Persons	222,554	227,660	232,979	233,559	231,842	**231,554**	4.0	*-0.2*	na
Food Stamp Information									
Coupon Value	$ 26,992,011	30,952,604	31,190,504	31,180,798	29,965,691	**30,072,613**	11.4	*0.3*	na
Recipients	607,499	635,368	639,934	650,486	639,794	**636,345**	4.7	*-0.6*	na
Medicaid Information									
Claims	188,142	198,786	212,519	239,883	221,143	**227,129**	20.7	*2.7*	7.2
Benefits Paid	$ 57,898,083	54,090,355	60,807,561	72,088,608	61,100,667	**64,496,712**	11.3	*5.5*	9.2
Inpatient - General Hospital	$ 13,682,091	9,484,455	13,742,858	17,066,524	14,075,713	**13,753,176**	0.5	*-2.3*	5.5
ICF Mental	$ 9,847,655	11,322,756	11,506,386	11,864,610	11,161,269	**11,510,128**	16.8	*3.1*	12.1
ICF I Services	$ 14,222,084	14,790,750	15,107,995	15,289,512	15,321,478	**15,263,988**	7.3	*-0.4*	6.5
Physicians	$ 5,603,710	5,339,139	4,974,511	9,596,934	5,690,299	**7,601,128**	35.6	*33.5*	19.5
Drugs	$ 4,751,229	5,524,921	6,195,944	7,163,245	5,839,411	**6,711,541**	41.2	*14.9*	20.1
■ Support Enforcement Services	Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
New Applications Received	na	4,439	5,251	4,640	4,616	**4,381**	na	*-5.1*	na
Number of Cases that Paid	na	18,628	24,798	22,436	23,319	**22,862**	na	*-2.0*	na
Amount Collected	$ na	2,193,281	3,181,742	2,872,387	3,463,347	**3,736,999**	na	*7.9*	na
Average Amount per Case	$ na	117.74	128.31	128.02	148.52	**163.46**	na	*10.0*	na
■ Gas Activity Report • MCF	May 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Field Intake	63,950,875	55,993,448	51,045,073	56,705,738	52,664,824	**53,202,811**	-16.9	*1.0*	na
Pipeline & Other Intake	63,504,399	61,197,047	55,191,466	55,636,349	51,869,718	**55,603,738**	-12.5	*7.1*	na
Sales to Pipelines	104,808,791	95,339,583	87,025,673	91,764,527	84,671,509	**88,265,973**	-15.8	*4.2*	na
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	5,398,426	6,037,562	4,433,952	4,465,379	4,798,468	**4,892,506**	-9.4	*1.9*	na
Return to Field	2,498,366	2,591,266	2,355,067	2,677,441	2,482,351	**2,272,099**	-9.1	*-8.5*	na
Returned for Gas Lift	3,106,957	2,707,980	2,690,407	2,917,923	2,692,661	**2,832,108**	-8.9	*5.1*	na
Returned to Reservoir	1,747,540	1,888,657	1,668,275	1,796,987	1,825,771	**1,907,324**	9.1	*4.4*	na
Vented	304,464	184,989	151,772	166,058	174,796	**277,294**	-9.0	*58.6*	na
Plant Fuel	4,091,806	3,489,210	3,189,230	3,366,985	3,188,575	**3,387,446**	-17.3	*6.2*	na
Shrinkage and Other	5,498,924	4,951,248	4,722,163	5,186,787	4,700,411	**4,971,797**	-9.6	*5.7*	na

Economic Indicators: Louisiana State

								Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
■ State Employee's Retirement		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Retirement Benefits Disbursed										
Regular	$	9,527,882	11,940,882	11,847,506	11,850,071	11,839,180	**11,939,860**	25.3	*0.8*	27.3
Disability	$	722,749	805,717	815 892	817,957	822,127	**823,572**	13.9	*0.1*	14.8
Survivors	$	1,302,484	1,500,447	1,500,227	1,510,525	1,472,578	**1,489,490**	14.3	*1.1*	14.2
Total Benefits Disbursed	$	11,553,115	14,247,046	14,163,626	14,178,552	14,133,885	**14,252,923**	23.3	*0.8*	25.0
Average Check Amount										
Regular	$	689.43	777.65	770.82	770.09	769.73	**774.61**	12.3	*0.6*	14.8
Disability	$	468.41	504.84	507.71	507.10	508.74	**506.50**	8.1	*-0.5*	7.8
Survivors	$	470.55	520.09	517.50	517.30	502.76	**507.15**	7.7	*0.8*	7.9
■ Beer Sales Information		May 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Number of Cases Sold		4,995,440	2,942,859	3,332,654	3,252,061	4,341,815	**4,664,553**	-6.7	*7.4*	-2.2
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	549,500	323,722	366,590	357,724	477,599	**513,099**	-6.7	*7.4*	-2.2

New Car Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	**Sep 85**			
Audi	na	na	na	96	56	75	na	91	92	83	78	**51**	na	*-34.7*	na
BMW	na	na	na	67	54	80	na	67	72	52	69	**96**	na	*42.0*	na
Buick	1,013	929	875	1,089	785	1,034	948	1,088	1,022	958	936	**1,274**	34.3	*36.1*	-14.6
Cadillac	379	350	305	408	294	339	331	423	402	380	382	**468**	41.3	*22.5*	-11.9
Chevrolet	1,848	1,381	1,320	1,957	1,452	1,905	1,743	1,924	1,767	1,755	1,657	**2,397**	37.5	*44.6*	-3.6
Chrysler	444	523	349	490	438	571	363	623	674	428	353	**707**	94.7	*100.2*	61.1
Datsun	417	677	687	876	599	735	562	803	1,027	1,045	902	**1,137**	102.3	*26.0*	14.1
Dodge	454	509	328	534	453	600	345	468	426	394	364	**533**	54.4	*46.4*	27.8
Ford	2,130	1,828	1,416	1,986	1,453	1,899	1,440	1,922	1,873	1,603	1,512	**2,507**	74.0	*65.8*	1.6
Honda	537	419	384	766	340	386	314	454	381	382	363	**424**	35.0	*16.8*	0.9
Lincoln	397	397	282	396	248	317	305	281	240	291	365	**515**	68.8	*41.0*	18.4
Mazda	214	190	129	185	175	200	226	196	209	200	254	**266**	17.6	*4.7*	-0.3
Mercedes	na	na	na	126	69	86	na	103	95	68	104	**77**	na	*-26.0*	na
Mercury	758	648	664	736	559	715	715	644	621	684	688	**1,059**	48.1	*53.9*	1.2
Oldsmobile	1,285	1,236	1,160	1,673	1,276	1,511	1,327	1,767	1,654	1,581	1,415	**1,964**	48.0	*38.7*	-18.4
Plymouth	273	307	233	373	339	427	197	284	236	244	296	**369**	87.3	*24.6*	33.3
Pontiac	1,114	838	748	1,018	702	1,033	836	1,231	1,111	847	866	**1,551**	85.5	*79.0*	0.0
Porshe	na	na	na	36	29	28	na	26	27	27	18	**28**	na	*55.5*	na
Renault	108	83	74	49	53	93	90	63	69	50	55	**162**	80.0	*194.5*	-35.2
Subaru	na	na	na	97	88	111	na	108	110	99	92	**122**	na	*32.6*	na
Toyota	801	714	661	936	703	768	744	780	1,085	939	972	**1,039**	39.6	*6.8*	10.3
Volkswagen	88	60	78	113	94	111	108	146	168	146	156	**175**	62.0	*12.1*	17.3
Volvo	81	74	113	128	87	129	75	136	123	116	143	**118**	57.3	*-17.5*	-9.8
Other	499	392	412	164	102	134	472	140	185	160	167	**199**	-57.9	*19.1*	-48.7
Total Car Sales	12,840	11,555	10,218	14,299	10,467	13,287	11,141	13,768	13,669	12,532	12,207	**17,240**	54.7	*41.2*	-0.1

New Truck Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	**Sep 85**			
Chevrolet	1,803	1,561	1,376	1,912	1,289	1,763	1,586	2,156	2,233	2,121	1,755	**2,019**	27.3	*15.0*	-3.3
Datsun	300	276	298	566	453	369	178	357	394	321	318	**399**	124.1	*25.4*	40.1
Dodge	750	651	631	875	811	1,007	576	891	864	801	651	**846**	47.2	*30.2*	22.7
Ford	2,261	1,969	1,679	2,233	1,690	2,163	1,855	2,154	2,399	2,112	1,667	**1,836**	-1.1	*10.1*	-7.9
GMC	641	508	399	547	388	514	437	649	696	649	528	**654**	49.6	*23.8*	5.0
International	na	na	na	35	26	66	na	63	49	45	49	**19**	na	*-61.3*	na
Mazda	198	108	116	183	151	152	178	126	147	164	140	**153**	-14.1	*9.2*	-8.3
Peterbilt	na	na	na	4	3	21	na	2	7	2	5	**5**	na	*0.0*	na
Toyota	678	481	481	823	648	674	793	720	700	604	777	**792**	-0.2	*1.9*	12.2
Other	474	388	431	472	380	464	445	584	506	428	360	**402**	-9.7	*11.6*	7.2
Total Truck Sales	7,105	5,942	5,411	7,650	5,839	7,193	6,048	7,702	7,995	7,247	6,250	**7,127**	17.8	*14.0*	2.5

Economic Indicators: New Orleans Area

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
■ Employment & Wage Statistics		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		583.8	569.2	572.5	583.1	585.0	584.8	0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Total Employed (000)		529.9	502.9	505.7	513.8	515.7	519.4	-2.0	0.7	-1.8
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings	$	422.30	430.52	442.41	425.89	425.32	413.95	-2.0	-2.7	1.2
Average Weekly Mfg Hours		41.2	40.5	40.7	40.6	40.7	39.2	-4.9	-3.7	-1.1
Total Unemployed (000)		53.9	66.3	66.8	69.3	69.3	65.4	21.3	-5.7	15.4
Unemployment Rate		9.2	11.6	11.7	11.9	11.9	11.2	21.7	-5.9	15.6
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients		62,413	76,074	77,502	65,375	79,794	68,768	10.1	-13.9	na
Benefits Paid	$	9,365,447	11,422,954	11,408,070	9,607,750	11,755,688	9,945,919	6.1	-15.4	na
■ Construction		Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85			
Value Of Cons Contracts ($ Mil)		101.0	94.1	93.2	103.5	65.7	122.9	21.6	87.0	-6.5
Residential		64.0	36.3	61.8	33.7	22.1	87.4	36.5	295.4	-7.3
Non-Residential		37.0	57.8	31.4	69.8	43.6	35.5	-4.1	-18.6	-5.7
Number Of Construction Contracts		1,298	615	1,018	648	383	965	-25.7	151.9	-33.8
■ Number of Permits		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Residential Building		815	668	842	570	630	351	-57.0	-44.3	-39.2
One Family Houses		377	467	499	278	474	274	-27.4	-42.2	-30.6
Two Family Buildings		24	66	50	22	44	62	158.3	40.9	-12.1
Multi-Family Buildings		414	135	293	270	112	15	-96.4	-86.7	-52.3
Commercial & Industrial		545	436	507	364	501	451	-17.3	-10.0	-12.4
Hotels & Motels		145	0	0	0	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-71.6
Churches		3	5	0	1	1	2	-33.4	100.0	-23.1
Industrial Buildings		3	1	2	5	6	11	266.6	83.3	13.9
Hospitals		1	5	0	0	4	2	100.0	-50.0	50.0
Offices, Banks, & Profession		32	43	24	12	24	12	-62.5	-50.0	-14.9
Retail Stores		31	52	27	21	45	54	74.1	20.0	5.3
Additions & Alterations		174	97	257	149	220	197	13.2	-10.5	-11.8
Other Buildings		156	233	197	176	201	173	10.8	-14.0	7.4
■ Value of Permits		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Residential Building		29,370,627	26,400,537	30,568,880	18,636,234	27,066,812	15,057,401	-48.8	-44.4	-29.7
One Family Houses		19,551,866	20,522,547	22,996,949	13,617,235	22,821,646	13,009,583	-33.5	-43.0	-20.9
Two Family Buildings		576,041	1,519,621	1,007,008	440,420	1,304,073	1,570,332	172.6	20.4	3.1
Multi-Family Buildings		9,242,720	4,358,369	6,564,923	4,578,579	2,941,093	477,486	-94.9	-83.8	-52.4
Commercial & Industrial		55,573,163	44,060,537	70,140,877	83,568,773	55,786,290	59,948,160	7.8	7.4	23.2
Hotels & Motels		17,833,381	169,000	0	0	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-50.0
Churches		1,040,456	242,400	0	380,000	122,000	380,887	-63.4	212.2	-57.5
Industrial Buildings		457,664	49,890	447,976	1,104,426	2,094,704	6,370,267	1,291.9	204.1	134.5
Hospitals		1,891,342	2,457,550	0	0	4,533,975	225,000	-88.2	-95.1	-63.4
Offices, Banks, & Profession		12,146,629	25,952,828	41,448,974	55,480,433	16,500,563	5,099,081	-58.1	-69.1	142.5
Retail Stores		7,030,396	4,701,407	11,300,582	18,996,752	10,161,739	5,247,948	-25.4	-48.4	8.4
Additions & Alterations		11,415,338	6,493,752	12,342,934	5,446,490	11,276,772	25,455,324	122.9	125.7	15.6
Other Buildings		3,757,957	3,993,710	4,600,411	2,160,672	11,096,537	17,169,653	356.8	54.7	-10.3
■ FHLB Const. Loans ($ Mil)		Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
Construction										
Condominium	$	0.1	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.4	2.9	2,800.0	625.0	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	7.3	3.6	6.1	6.5	6.3	10.3	41.0	63.4	na
5 or More	$	2.7	0.5	2.2	0.8	0.9	1.0	-63.0	11.1	na
Non-Residential	$	10.9	3.6	10.6	6.9	10.1	6.4	-41.3	-36.7	na
Purchases										
Single (New)	$	13.1	7.1	7.0	5.4	7.0	6.6	-49.7	-5.8	na
Family (Other)	$	40.4	8.4	14.3	19.6	25.9	29.0	-28.3	11.9	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	11.2	3.6	5.2	4.9	5.9	4.7	-58.1	-20.4	na
5 or More	$	2.8	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.8	2.9	3.5	262.5	na
Non-Residential	$	14.8	13.7	9.9	6.3	25.3	24.8	67.5	-2.0	na
Other										
Land Loans	$	6.5	1.3	3.6	2.2	2.1	5.2	-20.0	147.6	na
Refinancing	$	21.2	10.5	17.5	13.6	18.9	15.4	-27.4	-18.6	na
All Other	$	13.2	3.7	9.1	7.8	6.8	5.7	-56.9	-16.2	na
Total Loans Closed	$	144.2	56.8	86.0	74.6	110.4	115.1	-20.2	4.2	-25.6
Loans in Process	$	227.5	152.2	140.1	134.7	130.2	113.3	-50.2	-13.0	na
■ Airport Activity		Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85			
Cargo (Tons)		182	163	183	189	180	166	-8.8	-7.8	-5.3
Flight Arrivals		6,093	4,907	4,867	5,039	4,810	5,116	-16.1	6.3	-1.7
Passengers (000)										
Enplaned		313.2	279.3	260.5	287.3	271.1	249.6	-20.4	-8.0	4.1
Deplaned		312.9	280.4	264.1	280.4	267.6	248.7	-20.6	-7.1	3.6
Mail (Tons)										
Enplaned		586.8	658.1	621.1	657.0	625.6	566.2	-3.6	-9.5	10.0
Deplaned		556.1	538.1	570.3	543.1	542.3	618.0	11.1	13.9	-0.4
Freight (Tons)										
Enplaned		1,171.4	1,079.8	1,042.5	1,000.2	983.0	932.3	-20.5	-5.2	-6.8
Deplaned		1,463.1	1,269.8	1,241.7	1,337.2	1,181.8	1,229.6	-16.0	4.0	-13.1
Express (Tons)										
Enplaned		11.4	17.1	22.2	18.2	9.3	8.6	-24.6	-7.6	-6.2
Deplaned		18.9	29.9	29.6	35.5	33.1	23.2	22.7	-30.0	-4.3

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							Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
■ Seaport Activity (000 Tons)	Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Per Cent Change		
Breakbulk Cargo	362.3	305.1	144.9	425.8	114.4	265.5	-26.8	*132.0*	0.8
Imports	304.9	260.9	117.5	359.7	106.2	204.0	-33.1	*92.0*	6.3
Exports	57.4	44.2	27.4	66.1	8.2	61.5	7.1	*650.0*	-22.6
Container Cargo	214.3	77.4	207.8	181.2	189.0	157.2	-26.7	*-16.9*	-11.8
Imports	94.0	40.2	95.6	84.7	81.6	73.3	-22.1	*-10.2*	-5.8
Exports	120.3	37.2	112.2	96.5	107.4	83.9	-30.3	*-21.9*	-16.3
Ro-Ro Cargo	58.4	31.5	105.9	97.5	78.5	91.2	56.1	*16.1*	42.7
Imports	19.7	13.5	37.5	30.6	25.5	27.3	38.5	*7.0*	37.0
Exports	38.7	18.0	68.4	66.9	53.0	63.9	65.1	*20.5*	45.7
Lash & Seabee Cargo	24.6	11.5	25.1	20.4	30.3	10.6	-57.0	*-65.1*	-57.0
Imports	18.3	8.6	11.0	14.2	28.4	7.6	-58.5	*-73.3*	-52.2
Exports	6.3	2.9	14.1	6.2	1.9	3.0	-52.4	*57.8*	-66.3
Bulk Terminal Cargo	106.3	124.8	73.7	183.8	122.5	121.8	14.5	*-0.6*	-6.8
Imports	88.3	120.2	66.3	183.8	88.2	121.8	37.9	*38.0*	11.1
Exports	18.0	4.6	7.4	0.0	34.3	0.0	-100.0	*-100.0*	-68.5
Grain Exports	892.2	785.3	782.2	787.6	508.0	689.6	-22.8	*35.7*	4.2
Total	1,658.1	1,335.6	1,339.6	1,696.3	1,042.7	1,335.9	-19.5	*28.1*	0.8
Vessel Arrivals	347	332	349	317	311	315	-9.3	*1.2*	1.6
Grain Deliveries (Mil Bushels)	30.4	28.2	26.8	23.1	17.3	23.5	-22.7	*35.8*	1.7
Coffee Imports (000 Bags)	420.1	339.0	397.5	195.6	293.1	208.1	-50.5	*-29.1*	-7.2
Duty Collected ($ Mil)	17	13	14	12	18	18	5.8	*0.0*	9.4
Import Cars Loaded	335	332	225	248	181	213	-36.5	*17.6*	1.1
■ Gas Activity Report • MCF	Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
Field Intake	4,621,221	4,425,305	5,087,082	4,942,507	5,058,892	5,028,501	8.8	*-0.7*	6.5
Pipeline & Other Intake	19,816,340	17,130,235	17,297,941	14,843,060	16,004,729	14,158,033	-28.6	*-11.6*	-10.3
Sales to Pipelines	20,495,106	17,614,133	17,801,883	15,879,395	17,170,657	15,686,284	-23.5	*-8.7*	-9.0
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	459,636	435,756	485,773	472,095	453,845	461,204	0.3	*1.6*	0.1
Return to Field	648,285	745,076	1,023,073	709,325	660,788	663,832	2.3	*0.4*	12.5
Returned for Gas Lift	1,131,430	1,066,854	1,151,609	1,085,541	1,004,207	981,526	-13.3	*-2.3*	-2.9
Returned to Reservoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	*0.0*	na
Vented	2,883	36,915	614	989	6,129	3,057	6.0	*-50.2*	-29.1
Plant Fuel	690,820	722,632	852,111	677,503	729,748	571,311	-17.3	*-21.8*	-1.8
Shrinkage and Other	1,009,401	934,174	1,069,960	960,719	1,038,247	819,320	-18.9	*-21.1*	0.6
■ Retail Trade	Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85			
Department Store Sales ($ 000)	47,488	54,062	50,759	52,443	48,713	46,853	-1.4	*-3.9*	1.8
Number of Department Stores	39	39	39	39	39	39	0.0	*0.0*	na
■ Beer Sales Information	May 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85			
Number of Cases Sold	1,578,421	952,870	1,109,746	769,963	653,242	1,458,131	-7.7	*123.2*	-8.3
State Excise Tax Revenue $	173,626	104,822	122,072	84,696	71,857	160,394	-7.7	*123.2*	-8.3
■ Welfare Activity	Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
Aid To Dependent Children									
Total Assistance Payments $	4,453,608	4,551,695	4,628,975	4,642,104	4,643,008	4,654,821	4.5	*0.2*	na
Persons	75,023	76,943	78,591	78,716	78,660	78,971	5.2	*0.3*	na
Food Stamp Information									
Coupon Value $	7,065,338	8,444,011	8,469,753	8,524,171	8,405,532	8,446,988	19.5	*0.4*	na
Recipients	149,280	159,103	158,597	166,949	166,349	166,470	11.5	*0.0*	na
Medicaid Information									
Claims	45,791	48,629	52,051	61,169	52,942	56,418	23.2	*6.5*	7.1
Benefits Paid $	12,794,708	13,341,964	14,166,365	17,804,587	13,652,210	15,893,635	24.2	*16.4*	11.6
Inpatient - General Hospital $	4,195,060	4,153,532	4,479,865	5,805,086	4,806,804	5,207,014	24.1	*8.3*	8.1
ICF Mental $	1,337,234	1,682,815	1,971,517	2,069,266	1,767,549	2,094,127	56.6	*18.4*	16.3
ICF I Services $	1,485,854	1,730,646	1,690,447	1,799,403	1,743,764	1,812,353	21.9	*3.9*	14.6
Physicians $	1,954,138	2,044,489	1,807,848	3,551,291	2,036,942	2,858,362	46.2	*40.3*	23.9
Drugs $	682,252	847,950	958,976	1,195,435	913,921	1,043,735	52.9	*14.2*	24.2
■ Support Enforcement Services	Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
New Applications Received	na	856	805	789	732	868	na	*18.5*	na
Number of Cases that Paid	na	2,321	4,386	3,382	3,506	3,453	na	*-1.6*	na
Amount Collected $	na	221,108	505,461	382,292	531,993	759,613	na	*42.7*	na
Average Amount per Case $	na	95.26	115.24	113.04	151.74	219.99	na	*44.9*	na
■ General Business Activity	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Attnd. at Conventions & Meetings	43,278	48,762	57,579	105,623	33,430	67,435	55.8	*101.7*	15.3
Telephone Lines (000)	790.0	789.7	792.7	797.0	798.1	795.7	0.7	*-0.4*	na
■ Revenue Collections $	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Retail Sales Tax - State	22,764,066	23,723,931	22,359,927	22,640,183	23,589,177	na	na	*na*	na
Severance Tax	4,533,869	4,504,037	5,235,414	5,193,542	5,253,935	5,467,038	20.5	*4.0*	0.7
Minimum Royalty	3,819,631	3,492,198	4,213,629	3,380,128	3,995,394	3,544,364	-7.3	*-11.3*	na
Hotel/Motel Room Occupancy									
LA Stadium & Exposition District	1,458,678	1,071,296	1,128,454	831,892	1,122,809	947,572	-35.1	*-15.7*	19.1
New Orleans Exhibition Hall	598,254	471,970	509,259	351,540	485,763	405,764	-32.2	*-16.5*	23.2

Economic Indicators: New Orleans Area — Per Cent Change

													Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
													Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
New Car Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	**Sep 85**			
Audi	na	na	na	29	28	28	na	38	46	22	32	**30**	na	*-6.3*	na
BMW	na	na	na	22	24	38	na	24	32	19	17	**36**	na	*111.7*	na
Buick	317	303	255	323	269	299	295	339	371	302	291	**512**	73.5	*75.9*	-10.8
Cadillac	138	125	108	113	101	110	93	169	117	159	121	**167**	79.5	*38.0*	-2.3
Chevrolet	426	353	356	487	370	496	392	522	424	520	516	**721**	83.9	*39.7*	3.5
Chrylser	106	97	71	121	72	153	88	136	124	121	85	**189**	114.7	*122.3*	73.8
Datsun	167	272	258	330	222	235	230	303	318	347	292	**386**	67.8	*32.1*	5.5
Dodge	144	159	101	176	114	190	141	165	117	112	108	**208**	47.5	*92.5*	6.1
Ford	616	591	463	535	452	627	463	490	641	510	576	**812**	75.3	*40.9*	2.7
Honda	124	131	97	213	93	126	86	135	102	111	84	**118**	37.2	*40.4*	-12.0
Lincoln	102	151	71	112	43	98	83	67	84	81	164	**223**	168.6	*35.9*	28.2
Mazda	60	60	45	64	52	56	83	79	70	58	98	**75**	-9.7	*-23.5*	-5.7
Mercedes	na	na	na	36	30	27	na	38	28	13	440	**32**	na	*-92.8*	na
Mercury	199	164	161	211	153	177	200	148	168	168	241	**249**	24.5	*3.3*	0.2
Oldsmobile	371	370	336	451	379	380	363	463	454	458	370	**575**	58.4	*55.4*	-15.0
Plymouth	65	75	63	109	92	95	64	90	69	59	83	**121**	89.0	*45.7*	52.3
Pontiac	293	231	220	279	185	273	252	275	303	222	252	**327**	53.5	*53.5*	3.4
Porshe	na	na	na	9	16	9	na	10	14	10	7	**9**	na	*28.5*	na
Renault	34	24	19	23	20	28	30	22	34	20	32	**110**	266.6	*243.7*	-22.4
Subaru	na	na	na	19	20	28	na	32	25	27	16	**27**	na	*68.7*	na
Toyota	230	233	232	261	229	254	220	264	325	379	340	**372**	69.0	*9.4*	10.2
Volkswagen	55	25	42	49	53	48	50	66	69	70	63	**84**	68.0	*33.3*	49.7
Volvo	25	19	39	40	25	24	17	42	30	40	38	**31**	82.3	*-18.5*	-18.4
Other	189	157	181	91	53	80	188	83	101	82	100	**122**	-35.2	*22.0*	-39.5
Total Car Sales	3,661	3,540	3,118	4,103	3,095	3,879	3,338	4,000	4,066	3,910	4,366	**5,596**	67.6	*28.1*	2.5
New Truck Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	**Sep 85**			
Chevrolet	331	327	237	332	268	371	285	486	426	448	388	**450**	57.8	*15.9*	1.2
Datsun	66	68	53	139	108	74	47	90	85	77	70	**80**	70.2	*14.2*	26.4
Dodge	127	179	145	170	125	180	123	175	180	143	122	**182**	47.9	*49.1*	14.2
Ford	478	493	400	468	394	544	480	518	596	525	408	**453**	-5.7	*11.0*	-6.6
GMC	69	66	40	62	36	61	40	79	114	80	64	**102**	155.0	*59.3*	41.2
International	na	na	na	8	11	3	na	3	3	9	5	**1**	na	*-80.0*	na
Mazda	29	16	20	29	21	25	32	21	22	30	28	**26**	-18.8	*-7.2*	-8.0
Peterbilt	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	**0**	na	*0.0*	na
Toyota	189	130	125	174	202	217	180	222	180	212	219	**241**	33.8	*10.0*	22.4
Other	115	126	141	140	113	150	105	194	155	148	119	**121**	15.2	*1.6*	23.4
Total Truck Sales	1,404	1,405	1,161	1,522	1,278	1,625	1,292	1,788	1,761	1,672	1,423	**1,656**	28.1	*16.3*	6.4

Economic Indicators: Baton Rouge Area — Per Cent Change

							Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
■ Employment & Wage Statistics		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		252.9	251.3	253.2	259.0	259.6	**262.2**	3.6	*1.0*	2.9
Total Employed (000)		231.4	227.5	228.4	231.5	231.9	**235.7**	1.8	*1.6*	1.9
Total Unemployed (000)		21.5	23.8	24.8	27.5	27.7	**26.5**	23.2	*-4.4*	13.6
Unemployment Rate		8.5	9.5	9.8	10.6	10.7	**10.1**	18.8	*-5.7*	10.3
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings	$	498.96	527.11	522.37	506.62	518.31	**521.24**	4.4	*0.5*	2.8
Average Weekly Mfg Hours		42.0	43.1	43.1	41.8	42.8	**42.9**	2.1	*0.2*	-0.6
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients		26,197	26,005	29,670	26,682	34,358	**31,805**	21.4	*-7.5*	na
Benefits Paid	$	4,116,338	4,164,756	4,718,504	4,200,505	5,366,267	**4,974,458**	20.8	*-7.4*	na
■ Construction		Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	**Jul 85**			
Value Of Cons Contracts ($ Mil)		52.2	53.1	51.3	58.0	35.1	**55.8**	6.8	*58.9*	-14.1
Residential		34.3	26.5	22.8	26.1	15.7	**25.4**	-26.0	*61.7*	-35.8
Non-Residential		17.9	26.6	28.5	31.9	19.4	**30.4**	69.8	*56.7*	21.0
Number Of Construction Contracts		719	573	457	572	255	**450**	-37.5	*76.4*	-23.1
■ Number of Permits		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Residential Building		546	204	249	643	169	**376**	-31.2	*122.4*	-51.7
One Family Houses		202	177	128	126	159	**196**	-3.0	*23.2*	-36.9
Two Family Buildings		10	2	0	0	10	**2**	-80.0	*-80.0*	-75.0
Multi-Family Buildings		334	25	121	517	0	**178**	-46.8	*0.0*	-59.8
Commercial & Industrial		272	215	175	161	172	**178**	-34.6	*3.4*	8.3
Hotels & Motels		102	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	*0.0*	-4.5
Churches		0	2	1	0	1	**0**	0.0	*-100.0*	63.6
Industrial Buildings		3	4	5	0	1	**1**	-66.7	*0.0*	85.7
Hospitals		2	0	2	0	1	**1**	-50.0	*0.0*	-50.0
Offices, Banks, & Profession		17	30	12	12	19	**20**	17.6	*5.2*	22.3
Retail Stores		13	16	10	21	20	**14**	7.6	*-30.0*	15.6
Additions & Alterations		89	115	89	83	82	**113**	26.9	*37.8*	22.8
Other Buildings		46	48	56	45	48	**29**	-37.0	*-39.6*	-15.6
■ Value of Permits		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85-	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Residential Building		21,668,963	11,955,251	11,109,748	28,924,504	10,482,963	**17,055,695**	-21.3	*62.6*	-47.8
One Family Houses		12,640,968	10,942,362	8,650,957	7,823,768	9,550,963	**10,832,575**	-14.4	*13.4*	-37.2
Two Family Buildings		241,960	63,550	0	0	932,000	**31,680**	-87.0	*-96.7*	-75.8
Multi-Family Buildings		8,786,035	949,339	2,458,791	21,100,736	0	**6,191,440**	-29.6	*0.0*	-59.8
Commercial & Industrial		21,978,890	34,421,515	26,820,273	13,849,265	17,712,105	**19,396,452**	-11.8	*9.5*	7.5
Hotels & Motels		1,360,260	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	*0.0*	-29.3
Churches		0	682,775	71,632	0	350,000	**0**	0.0	*-100.0*	-34.7
Industrial Buildings		3,152,417	261,251	2,565,480	0	170,000	**397,000**	-87.5	*133.5*	19.7
Hospitals		400,000	0	3,457,172	0	353,000	**5,495,000**	1,273.7	*1,456.6*	-43.3
Offices, Banks, & Profession		5,907,304	14,556,878	1,883,536	1,892,253	3,523,508	**6,328,202**	7.1	*79.5*	4.4
Retail Stores		1,777,845	8,002,927	1,276,938	5,844,359	6,279,970	**1,403,679**	-21.1	*-77.7*	73.4
Additions & Alterations		6,472,599	4,065,435	7,847,820	5,148,116	3,778,328	**5,050,233**	-22.0	*33.6*	25.4
Other Buildings		2,908,465	6,852,249	9,717,695	964,537	3,257,299	**722,338**	-75.2	*-77.9*	-14.1
■ FHLB Const. Loans ($ Mil)		Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	**Jun 85**			
Construction										
Condominium	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	9.7	2.0	5.2	3.3	4.8	**2.1**	-78.4	*-56.3*	na
5 or More	$	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	**0.7**	40.0	*600.0*	na
Non-Residential	$	1.2	1.5	0.8	0.0	0.0	**1.0**	-16.7	*0.0*	na
Purchases										
Single (New)	$	3.1	2.6	1.8	3.0	2.2	**2.5**	-19.4	*13.6*	na
Family (Other)	$	2.4	1.5	3.2	2.3	2.4	**2.6**	8.3	*8.3*	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.8	0.0	0.9	0.2	0.0	**1.6**	100.0	*0.0*	na
5 or More	$	2.0	0.0	3.9	0.4	0.3	**1.5**	-25.0	*400.0*	na
Non-Residential	$	1.4	0.5	1.2	0.3	0.2	**0.4**	-71.5	*100.0*	na
Other										
Land Loans	$	0.3	0.3	9.1	0.1	5.8	**0.5**	66.6	*-91.4*	na
Refinancing	$	1.9	1.4	4.4	2.7	3.1	**4.3**	126.3	*38.7*	na
All Other	$	5.8	2.7	6.7	6.4	6.9	**13.5**	132.7	*95.6*	na
Total Loans Closed	$	29.1	12.3	37.1	18.5	25.8	**30.7**	5.4	*18.9*	-6.7
Loans In Process	$	45.9	31.6	46.5	38.7	40.1	**39.4**	-14.2	*-1.8*	na
■ Baton Rouge Port Activity		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Net Tonnage Summary By Facility										
Cargo Docks		35,931	37,359	24,291	23,888	33,448	**11,759**	-67.3	*-64.9*	-41.8
Barge Terminal		25,583	10,071	13,277	10,773	12,694	**8,970**	-65.0	*-29.4*	-30.9
Molasses Terminal		36,724	3,603	31,933	na	-255	**0**	-100.0	*-100.0*	na
Petroleum Terminal		50,065	48,956	93,220	79,799	148,660	**31,237**	-37.7	*-79.0*	-51.1
MS Mooring Facility		99,201	162,588	99,092	155,084	125,275	**62,210**	-37.3	*-50.4*	66.8
MISC. Mid - Stream		63,311	0	1,800	5,800	3,971	**0**	-100.0	*-100.0*	na
Cargill Elevator		214,294	131,294	5,402	381	0	**11,764**	-94.6	*0.0*	na
Total		247,504	393,871	269,015	275,725	323,793	**125,940**	-49.2	*-61.2*	-9.8
Coal Exports (000 Tons)		63,384	140,763	62,446	120,200	126,627	**62,221**	-1.9	*-50.9*	92.2

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Per Cent Change

								Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
■ General Business Activity		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Airline Cargo										
Inbound		196,915	189,567	225,353	194,338	217,321	**202,559**	2.8	***-6.8***	-1.5
Outbound		67,745	96,152	95,808	97,332	67,557	**58,274**	-14.0	***-13.8***	9.5
Airline Passenger Boardings		29,166	29,343	33,530	33,324	34,309	**34,969**	19.8	***1.9***	12.3
Classified Ad. Lineage (000)		1,838.8	1,318.6	1,500.6	1,382.7	1,378.5	**1,790.6**	-2.7	***29.8***	-1.6
Classified Advertisement Count (000)		117.3	105.0	120.2	118.8	118.8	**123.3**	5.1	***3.7***	-0.2
Telephone Lines (000)		244.0	244.5	248.0	249.0	249.1	**249.9**	2.4	***0.3***	na
■ Beer Sales Information		May 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Number of Cases Sold		580,884	349,252	365,466	441,337	511,184	**597,000**	2.7	***16.7***	-0.9
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	63,896	38,418	40,201	48,547	56,229	**65,669**	2.7	***16.7***	-0.9
■ Welfare Activity		Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	**Jun 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	$	1,826,902	1,834,376	1,878,457	1,886,898	1,857,195	**1,853,054**	1.4	***-0.3***	na
Persons		32,127	32,413	33,187	33,309	32,714	**32,614**	1.5	***-0.4***	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	$	4,071,991	4,689,113	4,712,829	4,672,085	4,468,921	**4,470,907**	9.7	***0.0***	na
Recipients		89,926	95,863	96,637	96,655	93,929	**93,542**	4.0	***-0.5***	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims		25,355	26,855	29,930	33,045	31,181	**31,614**	24.6	***1.3***	9.2
Benefits Paid	$	8,966,785	8,141,522	8,755,721	10,351,214	9,286,436	**9,071,095**	1.1	***-2.4***	7.6
Inpatient - General Hospital	$	1,228,939	585,048	1,066,682	1,317,440	1,173,386	**1,031,287**	-16.1	***-12.2***	-0.1
ICF Mental	$	1,800,606	1,821,423	1,792,267	1,958,235	1,809,734	**1,687,628**	-6.3	***-6.8***	1.3
ICF I Services	$	2,227,832	2,293,907	2,327,230	2,339,691	2,323,117	**2,347,492**	5.3	***1.0***	8.5
Physicians	$	690,406	654,381	648,378	1,307,279	719,064	**1,024,066**	48.3	***42.4***	20.9
Drugs	$	611,446	717,138	799,091	919,571	766,841	**862,708**	41.0	***12.5***	21.8
■ Support Enforcement Services		Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	**Jun 85**			
New Applications Received		na	474	591	444	290	**464**	na	***60.0***	na
Number of Cases that Paid		na	2,258	3,049	2,718	2,818	**3,086**	na	***9.5***	na
Amount Collected	$	na	277,610	423,477	359,161	373,010	**575,684**	na	***54.3***	na
Average Amount per Case	$	na	122.94	138.89	132.14	132.37	**186.55**	na	***40.9***	na
■ Revenue Collections	$	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State		10,621,649	9,931,403	10,068,315	9,846,028	9,584,942	**na**	na	***na***	na
Severance Tax		3,823,200	2,656,268	3,180,619	3,223,440	2,578,064	**2,958,071**	-22.7	***14.7***	-11.3
Minimum Royalty		143,372	674,327	432,394	383,786	378,430	**307,519**	114.4	***-18.8***	na
■ Retail Trade		Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	**Jul 85**			
Department Store Sales ($ 000)		25,734	29,160	27,755	29,969	28,001	**26,900**	4.5	***-4.0***	1.3
Number of Department Stores		22	22	22	22	22	**22**	0.0	***0.0***	na

New Car Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	**Sep 85**			
Audi	na	na	na	17	4	11	na	25	7	11	12	**3**	na	***-75.0***	na
BMW	na	na	na	8	9	8	na	22	16	7	20	**26**	na	***30.0***	na
Buick	97	110	102	118	94	176	114	135	127	103	106	**121**	6.1	***14.1***	-12.0
Cadillac	37	32	30	49	24	29	48	35	65	48	89	**71**	47.9	***-20.3***	-18.9
Chevrolet	234	194	201	244	149	210	242	218	234	210	209	**314**	29.7	***50.2***	-3.2
Chrysler	68	54	41	61	46	65	68	83	76	54	68	**96**	41.1	***41.1***	24.8
Datsun	64	111	156	173	122	153	91	184	310	201	221	**274**	201.0	***23.9***	33.6
Dodge	39	39	47	55	53	74	57	53	65	30	49	**71**	24.5	***44.8***	28.0
Ford	185	166	115	300	126	234	153	256	221	177	180	**325**	112.4	***80.5***	-5.3
Honda	178	77	79	230	44	101	74	89	81	71	117	**102**	37.8	***-12.9***	33.2
Lincoln	34	29	29	50	27	23	22	21	30	13	32	**42**	90.9	***31.2***	15.6
Mazda	22	18	16	16	22	31	18	22	26	29	28	**42**	133.3	***50.0***	12.9
Mercedes	na	na	na	11	15	13	na	18	9	12	17	**6**	na	***-64.8***	na
Mercury	75	78	55	92	52	61	75	67	64	24	44	**107**	42.6	***143.1***	-17.7
Oldsmobile	114	117	94	171	108	136	166	178	112	109	173	**215**	29.5	***24.2***	-26.3
Plymouth	35	49	30	49	46	65	26	45	25	35	41	**41**	57.6	***0.0***	64.1
Pontiac	127	100	98	111	84	123	102	167	104	85	85	**170**	66.6	***100.0***	-22.4
Porshe	na	na	na	6	4	6	na	4	2	4	2	**7**	na	***250.0***	na
Renault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	***0.0***	-100.0
Subaru	na	na	na	20	21	25	na	23	17	9	24	**31**	na	***29.1***	na
Toyota	293	227	209	369	241	264	311	253	397	256	325	**382**	22.8	***17.5***	7.9
Volkswagen	7	8	6	18	14	26	13	20	32	21	24	**30**	130.7	***25.0***	15.7
Volvo	29	27	36	48	28	68	38	55	50	28	53	**52**	36.8	***-1.9***	-11.6
Other	95	54	57	30	18	14	96	21	29	26	17	**25**	-74.0	***47.0***	-57.3
Total Car Sales	1,733	1,490	1,401	2,246	1,351	1,916	1,714	1,994	2,099	1,563	1,936	**2,553**	48.9	***31.8***	-1.1

New Truck Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	**Sep 85**			
Chevrolet	174	137	180	204	126	193	229	244	236	197	261	**236**	3.0	***-9.6***	-5.8
Datsun	67	47	60	142	67	81	37	60	111	61	94	**94**	154.0	***0.0***	39.7
Dodge	113	85	89	99	117	152	82	137	146	112	107	**103**	25.6	***-3.8***	0.5
Ford	233	192	181	279	176	249	226	262	293	238	218	**275**	21.6	***26.1***	-11.2
GMC	50	46	31	34	18	33	46	44	40	36	36	**38**	-17.4	***5.5***	-7.8
International	na	na	na	1	0	14	na	39	15	3	1	**0**	na	***-100.0***	na
Mazda	48	23	28	34	29	15	25	26	23	43	16	**26**	4.0	***62.5***	-3.3
Peterbilt	na	na	na	1	0	3	na	0	1	1	2	**2**	na	***0.0***	na
Toyota	298	181	196	364	293	256	407	286	272	163	315	**312**	-23.4	***-1.0***	-8.4
Other	50	36	60	63	55	57	57	74	53	40	39	**49**	-14.1	***25.6***	-1.1
Total Truck Sales	1,033	747	825	1,221	881	1,053	1,109	1,172	1,190	894	1,089	**1,135**	2.3	***4.2***	-3.8

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								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
■ Employment & Wage Statistics		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		112.0	109.3	110.2	111.4	112.5	**112.9**	0.8	*0.3*	-1.2
Total Employed (000)		103.4	99.9	100.5	101.1	102.1	**103.2**	-0.2	*1.0*	-0.9
Total Unemployed (000)		8.6	9.4	9.7	10.3	10.4	**9.7**	12.7	*-6.8*	-3.2
Unemployment Rate		7.7	8.6	8.8	9.3	9.2	**8.6**	11.6	*-6.6*	-2.2
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Recipients		5,744	7,406	8,089	6,829	8,509	**6,905**	20.2	*-18.9*	na
Benefits Paid	$	831,507	1,101,191	1,200,395	1,018,273	1,265,740	**1,019,863**	22.6	*-19.5*	na
■ Construction		Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	**Jul 85**			
Value Of Cons Contracts ($ Mil)		10.6	12.5	8.4	8.8	7.8	**15.8**	49.0	*102.5*	-27.7
Residential		7.3	4.8	4.8	5.1	4.8	**7.1**	-2.8	*47.9*	-49.5
Non-Residential		3.3	7.7	3.6	3.7	3.0	**8.7**	163.6	*190.0*	35.2
Number Of Construction Contracts		99	85	96	89	69	**126**	27.2	*82.6*	-47.5
■ Number of Permits		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Residential Building		225	47	44	137	65	**364**	61.7	*460.0*	-66.5
One Family Houses		74	39	44	94	59	**183**	147.2	*210.1*	-39.8
Two Family Buildings		0	0	0	0	2	**0**	0.0	*-100.0*	-50.0
Multi-Family Buildings		151	8	0	43	4	**181**	19.8	*4,425.0*	-84.2
Commercial & Industrial		236	245	418	176	283	**174**	-26.3	*-38.6*	29.4
Hotels & Motels		0	0	109	0	0	**12**	0.0	*0.0*	195.3
Churches		1	0	1	0	0	**0**	-100.0	*0.0*	-40.0
Industrial Buildings		1	3	0	0	0	**8**	700.0	*0.0*	-21.5
Hospitals		0	0	0	0	0	**1**	0.0	*0.0*	0.0
Offices, Banks, & Profession		4	3	4	4	2	**22**	450.0	*1,000.0*	0.0
Retail Stores		11	2	3	4	3	**10**	-9.1	*233.3*	-29.9
Additions & Alterations		206	231	292	148	266	**71**	-65.6	*-73.4*	34.9
Other Buildings		13	6	9	20	12	**50**	284.6	*316.6*	-23.7
■ Value of Permits		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Residential Building		8,756,039	2,913,675	2,895,425	7,377,126	3,795,160	**13,674,421**	56.1	*260.3*	-51.8
One Family Houses		4,805,039	2,678,675	2,895,425	6,359,248	3,687,600	**10,220,361**	112.7	*177.1*	-40.2
Two Family Buildings		0	0	0	0	29,560	**0**	0.0	*-100.0*	-79.8
Multi-Family Buildings		3,951,000	235,000	0	1,017,878	78,000	**3,454,060**	-12.6	*4,328.2*	-80.5
Commercial & Industrial		8,529,757	3,966,088	6,048,108	7,113,463	8,271,745	**28,439,463**	233.4	*243.8*	-19.8
Hotels & Motels		0	0	1,225,000	0	0	**156,769**	0.0	*0.0*	-20.4
Churches		75,000	0	80,000	0	0	**0**	-100.0	*0.0*	-2.7
Industrial Buildings		48,970	362,000	0	0	0	**682,957**	1,294.6	*0.0*	-5.7
Hospitals		0	0	0	0	0	**41,869**	0.0	*0.0*	-80.3
Offices, Banks, & Profession		4,881,113	1,045,563	359,389	3,944,689	446,000	**5,590,209**	14.5	*1,153.4*	-70.4
Retail Stores		1,160,113	180,000	165,000	525,754	2,117,100	**16,070,206**	1,285.2	*659.0*	187.5
Additions & Alterations		1,757,296	2,306,525	3,968,718	2,230,339	5,283,132	**3,688,984**	109.9	*-30.2*	14.7
Other Buildings		607,265	72,000	250,001	412,681	425,513	**2,208,469**	263.6	*419.0*	37.2
■ FHLB Const. Loans ($ Mil)		Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	**Jun 85**			
Construction										
Condominium	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.4	**0.5**	150.0	*25.0*	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Non-Residential	$	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.1	**0.0**	0.0	*-100.0*	na
Purchases										
Single (New)	$	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.5	**0.3**	-25.0	*-40.0*	na
Family (Other)	$	1.0	0.4	0.1	0.6	1.0	**1.1**	10.0	*10.0*	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Non-Residential	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.2	**0.0**	0.0	*-100.0*	na
Other										
Land Loans	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	**0.0**	0.0	*-100.0*	na
Refinancing	$	1.3	0.7	0.6	1.9	1.4	**0.6**	-53.9	*-57.2*	na
All Other	$	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.1	**1.3**	85.7	*1,200.0*	na
Total Loans Closed	$	3.6	2.1	1.8	6.6	4.0	**3.8**	5.5	*-5.0*	-40.5
Loans in Process	$	9.6	4.5	3.8	3.9	2.9	**2.7**	-71.9	*-6.9*	na
■ - General Business Activity		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Inbound Cargo		28,150	31,590	31,774	53,084	30,975	**26,565**	-5.7	*-14.3*	-18.7
Airline Passenger Boardings										
Passengers Enplaned		10,663	10,191	11,474	11,195	11,108	**11,007**	3.2	*-1.0*	20.3
Passengers Deplaned		10,824	10,163	11,650	10,826	11,122	**11,282**	4.2	*1.4*	22.4
Telephone Lines (000)		184.8	183.9	185.6	187.2	187.1	**187.0**	1.1	*-0.1*	na
■ Beer Sales Information		May 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Number of Cases Sold		241,014	139,841	169,118	155,913	205,042	**247,534**	2.7	*20.7*	-1.1
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	26,512	15,383	18,603	17,150	22,555	**27,229**	2.7	*20.7*	-1.1

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								Latest Month - Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month - Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
■ Welfare Activity		Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	$	1,137,612	1,186,977	1,227,211	1,237,281	1,225,681	**1,224,921**	7.6	*-0.1*	na
Persons		20,737	22,074	22,737	23,018	22,840	**22,888**	10.3	*0.2*	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	$	2,904,628	3,349,420	3,417,865	3,410,848	3,258,922	**3,304,663**	13.7	*1.4*	na
Recipients		67,588	71,657	73,050	73,460	71,976	**72,234**	6.8	*0.3*	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims		22,342	24,706	25,863	28,194	25,727	**27,279**	22.0	*6.0*	10.9
Benefits Paid	$	5,374,768	4,678,140	5,559,255	6,769,972	5,479,661	**5,994,454**	11.5	*9.3*	10.2
Inpatient - General Hospital	$	1,458,204	812,249	1,563,092	1,773,555	1,295,385	**1,377,100**	-5.6	*6.3*	-1.4
ICF Mental	$	45,178	147,421	126,339	144,745	134,242	**132,817**	193.9	*-1.1*	414.9
ICF I Services	$	1,509,962	1,573,318	1,611,771	1,615,835	1,642,604	**1,622,849**	7.4	*-1.3*	10.7
Physicians	$	645,093	634,082	553,806	1,144,405	703,442	**912,274**	41.4	*29.6*	28.5
Drugs	$	675,196	818,096	895,080	1,001,184	821,477	**955,871**	41.5	*16.3*	22.4
■ Support Enforcement Services		Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
New Applications Received		na	274	469	576	592	**344**	na	*-41.9*	na
Number of Cases that Paid		na	1,983	2,475	2,292	2,315	**2,441**	na	*5.4*	na
Amount Collected	$	na	281,310	374,602	342,664	349,300	**468,443**	na	*34.1*	na
Average Amount per Case	$	na	141.86	151.35	149.50	150.88	**191.91**	na	*27.1*	na
■ Gas Activity Report • MCF		Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
Field Intake		27,571,677	22,828,644	24,060,316	21,804,001	22,789,344	**23,604,316**	-14.4	*3.5*	-15.4
Pipeline & Other Intake		19,324,818	18,219,148	20,500,511	20,004,319	20,466,807	**18,898,501**	-2.3	*-7.7*	-12.5
Sales to Pipelines		39,991,566	35,493,351	38,748,287	36,036,273	37,207,544	**36,474,358**	-8.8	*-2.0*	-14.6
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		37,996	46,417	39,619	35,295	33,890	**33,218**	-12.6	*-2.0*	-17.3
Return to Field		1,179,048	996,821	1,000,769	998,052	934,722	**834,213**	-29.3	*-10.8*	-1.8
Returned for Gas Lift		979,591	751,067	789,617	817,040	898,078	**728,359**	-25.7	*-18.9*	-16.7
Returned to Reservoir		1,303,977	1,193,305	1,254,477	1,236,549	1,322,135	**1,244,529**	-4.6	*-5.9*	1.2
Vented		68,305	20,510	34,201	29,658	26,439	**33,033**	-51.7	*24.9*	-43.7
Plant Fuel		1,540,763	1,029,973	976,523	1,090,975	1,187,491	**1,206,316**	-21.8	*1.5*	-17.5
Shrinkage and Other		1,795,249	1,537,348	1,717,334	1,564,478	1,645,852	**1,948,801**	8.5	*18.4*	-14.1
■ Revenue Collections	$	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Retail Sales Tax - State		4,197,601	4,738,316	4,249,443	4,641,656	4,213,909	**na**	na	*na*	na
Severance Tax		444,397	531,046	690,386	897,044	879,174	**588,614**	32.4	*-33.1*	26.4
Minimum Royalty		4,182	3,684	10,393	4,781	8,272	**5,057**	20.9	*-38.9*	na

New Car Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85			
Audi	na	na	na	24	8	17	na	13	15	28	25	**5**	na	*-80.0*	na
BMW	na	na	na	9	7	7	na	5	4	9	10	**7**	na	*-30.0*	na
Buick	47	37	32	56	30	42	38	45	36	72	61	**65**	71.0	*6.5*	-5.7
Cadillac	38	30	25	43	26	32	36	35	20	16	31	**52**	44.4	*67.7*	0.5
Chevrolet	92	88	63	96	62	93	71	101	99	75	76	**111**	56.3	*46.0*	3.3
Chrysler	26	23	29	28	18	36	18	24	14	9	21	**32**	77.7	*52.3*	0.0
Datsun	34	67	53	80	69	75	42	69	69	95	92	**83**	97.6	*-9.8*	23.2
Dodge	44	28	19	20	20	22	33	22	23	35	16	**25**	-24.3	*56.2*	26.3
Ford	104	77	84	125	70	93	71	74	64	56	60	**118**	66.1	*96.6*	-4.8
Honda	20	19	25	39	19	22	19	32	25	27	31	**20**	5.2	*-35.5*	-3.1
Lincoln	22	19	30	35	20	19	16	26	14	18	13	**29**	81.2	*123.0*	32.0
Mazda	21	28	14	17	21	16	240	15	25	30	28	**24**	-90.0	*-14.3*	-45.8
Mercedes	na	na	na	13	5	11	na	6	7	14	8	**3**	na	*-62.5*	na
Mercury	30	38	38	32	37	29	30	32	19	19	24	**49**	63.3	*104.1*	5.9
Oldsmobile	35	37	45	45	54	54	43	69	41	49	32	**57**	32.5	*78.1*	-18.8
Plymouth	8	36	17	23	26	26	9	9	11	11	14	**19**	111.1	*35.7*	49.6
Pontiac	60	41	54	32	46	49	50	92	38	29	34	**60**	20.0	*76.4*	-7.8
Porshe	na	na	na	7	5	9	na	6	2	9	5	**6**	na	*20.0*	na
Renault	17	11	7	2	4	9	6	7	7	4	1	**3**	-50.0	*200.0*	280.0
Subaru	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	**0**	na	*0.0*	na
Toyota	28	26	25	27	24	23	21	17	27	23	25	**25**	19.0	*0.0*	-8.9
Volkswagen	14	15	6	15	6	13	15	24	17	17	21	**19**	26.6	*-9.6*	6.8
Volvo	7	9	18	16	16	13	6	19	18	22	18	**12**	100.0	*-33.4*	10.9
Other	53	35	36	6	7	11	43	10	8	9	14	**6**	-86.1	*-57.2*	-53.2
Total Car Sales	700	664	620	790	600	721	807	752	603	676	660	**830**	2.8	*25.7*	-0.1

New Truck Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85			
Chevrolet	118	91	91	100	79	87	80	142	115	131	65	**123**	53.7	*89.2*	-2.8
Datsun	41	50	43	79	56	49	12	39	38	39	42	**43**	258.3	*2.3*	131.7
Dodge	60	42	43	67	59	79	41	67	57	78	44	**65**	58.5	*47.7*	33.6
Ford	98	77	58	98	47	101	92	92	108	79	65	**78**	-15.3	*20.0*	-12.5
GMC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
International	na	na	na	1	1	2	na	2	0	4	1	**3**	na	*200.0*	na
Mazda	28	9	20	38	20	28	24	19	24	21	15	**17**	-29.2	*13.3*	-12.6
Peterbilt	na	na	na	0	1	1	na	1	4	0	0	**1**	na	*0.0*	na
Toyota	34	27	24	30	21	34	32	23	19	15	26	**21**	-34.4	*-19.3*	35.9
Other	24	35	20	22	20	27	16	36	32	18	26	**19**	18.7	*-27.0*	92.5
Total Truck Sales	403	331	299	435	304	408	297	421	397	385	284	**370**	24.5	*30.2*	13.9

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							Per Cent Change		
							Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
							Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
■ Employment & Wage Statistics	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	77.8	75.2	74.7	75.6	75.7	75.8	-2.6	0.1	-4.2
Total Employed (000)	67.6	63.6	63.8	64.5	64.9	65.4	-3.3	0.7	-3.8
Total Unemployed (000)	10.2	11.6	10.9	11.1	10.8	10.4	1.9	-3.8	-6.5
Unemployment Rate	13.2	15.4	14.6	14.7	14.3	13.7	3.7	-4.2	-2.5
Regular State Unemployment Benefits									
Number of Recipients	11,613	14,092	13,184	11,470	13,033	10,597	-8.8	-18.7	na
Benefits Paid $	1,786,237	2,121,097	1,939,348	1,676,143	1,900,127	1,517,006	-15.1	-20.2	na
■ Construction	Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85			
Value Of Cons Contracts ($ Mil)	5.8	1.6	3.2	3.7	6.1	4.8	-17.3	-21.4	-54.4
Residential	2.8	1.3	1.6	2.1	1.9	2.7	-3.6	42.1	-44.5
Non-Residential	3.0	0.3	1.6	1.6	4.2	2.1	-30.0	-50.0	-62.3
Number Of Construction Contracts	44	24	32	42	49	49	11.3	0.0	-43.8
■ Number of Permits	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Residential Building	44	25	33	33	30	35	-20.5	16.6	-38.1
One Family Houses	37	25	33	33	25	35	-5.5	40.0	-31.5
Two Family Buildings	2	0	0	0	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-91.7
Multi-Family Buildings	5	0	0	0	5	0	-100.0	-100.0	-57.5
Commercial & Industrial	80	56	95	88	95	65	-18.8	-31.6	11.8
Hotels & Motels	0	0	0	0	17	0	0.0	-100.0	na
Churches	0	0	0	1	1	0	0.0	-100.0	-40.0
Industrial Buildings	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	-25.0
Hospitals	1	0	0	0	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-100.0
Offices, Banks, & Profession	5	1	4	5	5	3	-40.0	-40.0	-17.0
Retail Stores	2	1	9	2	1	2	0.0	100.0	36.8
Additions & Alterations	30	17	26	31	28	24	-20.0	-14.3	7.8
Other Buildings	42	37	55	49	43	36	-14.3	-16.3	17.0
■ Value of Permits	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Residential Building	2,545,559	1,387,944	1,708,727	1,611,306	1,768,338	1,872,101	-26.5	5.8	-39.1
One Family Houses	2,306,559	1,387,944	1,708,727	1,611,306	1,595,125	1,872,101	-18.9	17.3	-35.9
Two Family Buildings	49,000	0	0	0	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-86.2
Multi-Family Buildings	190,000	0	0	0	173,213	0	-100.0	-100.0	-61.6
Commercial & Industrial	6,722,715	967,820	3,909,788	3,596,562	6,722,822	2,349,815	-65.1	-65.1	-42.8
Hotels & Motels	0	0	0	0	208,261	0	0.0	-100.0	na
Churches	0	0	0	645,000	157,087	0	0.0	-100.0	0.8
Industrial Buildings	0	0	4,500	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	-47.2
Hospitals	3,600,000	0	0	0	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-100.0
Offices, Banks, & Profession	1,200,500	94,219	700,405	792,000	1,561,127	459,000	-61.8	-70.6	-42.1
Retail Stores	147,708	99,875	1,112,500	1,436,657	120,918	320,918	117.2	165.4	-0.1
Additions & Alterations	1,357,862	403,343	1,606,725	275,515	4,174,132	1,266,624	-6.8	-69.7	-36.9
Other Buildings	416,645	370,383	485,658	447,390	501,297	303,277	-27.3	-39.6	7.9
■ Gas Activity Report • MCF	Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
Field Intake	4,264,425	3,832,455	4,985,762	4,618,319	3,952,072	3,560,053	-16.6	-10.0	-27.1
Pipeline & other intake	9,587,725	7,609,717	8,331,931	7,717,551	7,394,334	7,173,353	-25.2	-3.0	9.1
Sales to Pipelines	7,743,130	6,488,389	8,009,607	6,725,912	5,556,204	5,178,410	-33.2	-6.8	-9.4
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	4,811,303	3,831,293	3,831,293	4,187,090	4,287,226	4,191,132	-12.9	-2.3	-3.5
Return to Field	7,125	8,254	9,229	34,237	30,297	29,691	316.7	-2.1	13.5
Returned for Gas Lift	237,789	363,642	432,448	256,936	348,323	288,229	21.2	-17.3	15.8
Returned to Reservoir	20,147	2,439	15,804	14,928	25,267	19,533	-3.1	-22.7	177.0
Vented	67,866	35,920	42,682	42,137	35,048	31,718	-53.3	-9.6	-34.0
Plant Fuel	317,601	215,227	284,319	274,709	275,171	261,956	-17.6	-4.9	-11.2
Shrinkage and Other	647,189	497,008	692,311	799,721	788,870	732,737	13.2	-7.2	9.5
■ Beer Sales Information	May 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85			
Number of Cases Sold	198,352	120,900	127,401	143,276	181,358	116,789	-41.2	-35.7	-7.4
State Excise Tax Revenue $	21,819	13,299	14,014	15,760	19,949	12,847	-41.2	-35.7	-7.4
■ General Business Activity	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Airline Cargo	16,000	9,944	11,769	9,240	10,415	9,770	-39.0	-6.2	5.0
Airline Passenger Boardings	4,000	3,400	3,600	3,300	3,300	3,100	-22.5	-6.1	-0.8
Telephone Lines (000)	93.4	92.9	93.6	94.2	94.5	94.1	0.7	-0.5	na
■ Lake Charles Port Activity	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Port Shipments (000 Tons)									
Imports	100.5	122.9	183.5	178.4	130.3	189.2	88.2	45.2	na
Exports	243.8	265.3	145.7	317.0	284.1	123.2	-49.5	-56.7	na
Private Facilities (000 Tons)									
Imports	885.2	1,362.7	1,394.5	1,095.5	1,225.9	1,228.3	38.7	0.1	na
Exports	555.5	504.4	576.8	679.3	490.6	487.4	-12.3	-0.7	na

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								Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
■ Welfare Activity		Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	$	824,782	860,298	880,011	881,137	875,454	860,638	4.3	*-1.7*	na
Persons		14,899	15,730	16,072	16,073	15,946	15,823	6.2	*-0.8*	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	$	55,559	58,079	58,719	59,222	57,679	57,797	4.0	*0.2*	na
Recipients		21,706	23,267	23,734	23,956	na	na	na	*na*	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims		17,708	18,881	19,923	21,868	20,942	20,873	17.8	*-0.4*	7.0
Benefits Paid	$	5,260,969	4,699,504	5,602,614	6,491,557	5,766,455	5,874,595	11.6	*1.8*	10.8
Inpatient - General Hospital	$	1,220,093	694,600	1,253,690	1,637,769	1,290,709	1,198,282	-1.8	*-7.2*	11.9
ICF Mental	$	600,494	708,989	823,374	713,031	698,999	700,172	16.5	*0.1*	22.4
ICF I Services	$	1,660,837	1,635,674	1,716,250	1,731,339	1,713,633	1,705,794	2.7	*-0.5*	5.3
Physicians	$	468,566	389,456	396,145	735,932	493,705	605,777	29.2	*22.7*	12.8
Drugs	$	632,467	700,612	788,998	845,207	715,917	825,543	30.5	*15.3*	19.1
■ Support Enforcement Services		Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
New Applications Received		na	287	387	226	371	476	na	*28.3*	na
Number of Cases that Paid		na	865	1,114	1,031	1,084	940	na	*-13.3*	na
Amount Collected	$	na	101,800	140,809	136,116	178,691	130,205	na	*-27.2*	na
Average Amount per Case	$	na	117.69	126.40	132.02	164.84	138.52	na	*-16.0*	na
■ Revenue Collections	$	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Retail Sales Tax - State		2,438,971	2,719,510	2,632,579	2,816,404	2,705,746	na	na	*na*	na
Severence Tax		1,298,482	1,479,250	1,818,719	1,566,893	1,754,660	1,478,783	13.8	*-15.8*	13.7
Minimum Royalty		21,157	33,639	9,302	16,290	12,643	21,614	2.1	*70.9*	na

New Car Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85			
Audi	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	0	na	*0.0*	na
BMW	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	0	na	*0.0*	na
Buick	37	26	34	38	32	35	37	47	32	29	41	53	43.2	*29.2*	-25.1
Cadillac	10	11	10	8	7	5	17	8	5	12	6	14	-17.7	*133.3*	-28.0
Chevrolet	85	75	76	67	46	67	61	82	112	109	80	130	113.1	*62.5*	3.1
Chrysler	2	5	11	24	15	20	2	21	22	31	12	44	2,100.0	*266.6*	1,676.9
Datsun	38	48	28	74	54	51	28	56	82	75	49	55	96.4	*12.2*	17.2
Dodge	0	6	17	31	26	21	1	18	19	32	23	47	4,600.0	*104.3*	5,320.0
Ford	62	55	45	79	55	85	65	75	71	39	38	73	12.3	*92.1*	-10.0
Honda	18	14	16	19	27	14	12	17	30	14	17	17	41.6	*0.0*	-16.1
Lincoln	20	21	14	14	9	12	14	20	9	17	9	28	100.0	*211.1*	24.0
Mazda	8	6	3	5	9	3	6	9	8	5	5	12	100.0	*140.0*	14.4
Mercedes	na	na	na	1	3	4	na	1	3	2	3	2	na	*-33.4*	na
Mercury	32	29	20	19	27	23	37	28	23	34	23	39	5.4	*69.5*	-1.6
Oldsmobile	48	41	30	55	42	47	57	69	38	75	49	68	19.2	*38.7*	-20.0
Plymouth	0	9	8	10	15	24	0	15	9	12	17	16	0.0	*-5.9*	5,233.3
Pontiac	76	55	27	51	65	67	65	66	62	44	43	94	44.6	*118.6*	-12.6
Porshe	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	0	na	*0.0*	na
Renault	18	10	4	5	3	12	7	6	8	5	2	9	28.5	*350.0*	18.4
Subaru	na	na	na	5	16	7	na	12	14	13	6	14	na	*133.3*	na
Toyota	31	27	16	30	18	22	18	30	30	27	27	18	0.0	*-33.4*	51.5
Volkswagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	*0.0*	na
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	*0.0*	na
Other	20	12	9	7	5	1	17	2	8	1	4	9	-47.1	*125.0*	-40.7
Total Car Sales	505	450	368	542	474	520	444	582	585	576	454	742	67.1	*63.4*	6.7

New Truck Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85			
Chevrolet	84	63	65	78	51	84	71	121	144	162	97	114	60.5	*17.5*	7.8
Datsun	32	30	30	44	43	39	18	30	33	28	27	31	72.2	*14.8*	51.4
Dodge	13	17	31	66	42	61	4	46	44	62	32	54	1,250.0	*68.7*	1,767.8
Ford	81	70	67	70	49	54	72	118	68	62	45	63	-12.5	*40.0*	-24.6
GMC	95	87	48	75	39	76	61	80	80	86	55	82	34.4	*49.0*	6.2
International	na	na	na	5	1	7	na	2	1	0	2	1	na	*-50.0*	na
Mazda	3	5	1	5	13	7	6	6	7	6	5	12	100.0	*140.0*	28.8
Peterbilt	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	0	na	*0.0*	na
Toyota	26	31	16	38	17	16	22	19	20	22	19	20	-9.1	*5.2*	76.6
Other	28	23	40	21	15	21	25	33	26	19	16	40	60.0	*150.0*	36.7
Total Truck Sales	362	326	298	402	270	365	279	455	423	447	298	417	49.4	*39.9*	19.8

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							Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
■ Employment & Wage Statistics	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	63.0	62.9	63.4	64.4	63.9	**65.0**	3.1	*1.7*	2.4
Total Employed (000)	58.1	57.2	57.8	58.4	57.7	**59.0**	1.5	*2.2*	0.8
Total Unemployed (000)	4.9	5.7	5.6	6.0	6.2	**6.0**	22.4	*-3.3*	11.4
Unemployment Rate	7.7	9.1	8.8	9.2	9.7	**9.2**	19.4	*-5.2*	8.8
Regular State Unemployment Benefits									
Recipients	5,564	7,033	6,718	5,677	7,432	**6,337**	13.8	*-14.8*	na
Benefits Paid $	683,631	949,784	889,382	773,921	1,042,393	**806,283**	17.9	*-22.7*	na
■ Construction	Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	**Jul 85**			
Value Of Cons Contracts ($ Mil)	6.7	9.8	17.5	7.9	4.6	**8.7**	29.8	*89.1*	14.1
Residential	4.0	4.3	4.2	6.4	2.9	**3.2**	-20.0	*10.3*	-22.0
Non-Residential	2.7	5.5	13.3	1.5	1.7	**5.5**	103.7	*223.5*	95.7
Number Of Construction Contracts	63	88	58	123	49	**49**	-22.3	*0.0*	-24.9
■ Number of Permits	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Residential Building	34	22	29	16	182	**16**	-53.0	*-91.3*	0.7
One Family Houses	32	22	29	16	182	**16**	-50.0	*-91.3*	26.7
Two Family Buildings	2	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	*0.0*	-100.0
Multi-Family Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	-77.3
Commercial & Industrial	24	15	26	28	17	**21**	-12.5	*23.5*	-18.8
Hotels & Motels	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Churches	0	0	0	0	0	**1**	0.0	*0.0*	-77.8
Industrial Buildings	1	0	0	0	0	**1**	0.0	*0.0*	50.0
Hospitals	0	1	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	0.0
Offices, Banks, & Profession	1	0	5	2	2	**1**	0.0	*-50.0*	0.0
Retail Stores	1	3	2	3	6	**5**	400.0	*-16.7*	125.0
Additions & Alterations	10	7	6	14	6	**5**	-50.0	*-16.7*	-23.0
Other Buildings	11	4	13	9	3	**8**	-27.3	*166.6*	-28.7
■ Value of Permits	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Residential Building	1,222,000	1,424,205	2,009,100	917,000	5,144,300	**1,193,000**	-2.4	*-76.9*	9.2
One Family Houses	1,182,000	1,424,205	2,009,100	917,000	5,144,300	**1,193,000**	0.9	*-76.9*	24.6
Two Family Buildings	40,000	0	0	0	0	**0**	-100.0	*0.0*	-100.0
Multi-Family Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	-78.5
Commercial & Industrial	794,980	8,809,531	2,959,032	2,635,260	2,366,027	**2,743,992**	245.1	*15.9*	131.3
Hotels & Motels	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Churches	0	0	0	0	0	**270,000**	0.0	*0.0*	-79.9
Industrial Buildings	20,000	0	0	0	0	**9,000**	-55.0	*0.0*	-20.9
Hospitals	0	149,897	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	42.0
Offices, Banks, & Profession	89,000	0	327,500	303,889	198,554	**160,000**	79.7	*-19.5*	11.5
Retail Stores	94,000	83,694	838,000	276,000	2,046,463	**1,965,000**	1,990.4	*-4.0*	383.9
Additions & Alterations	330,900	8,539,000	1,659,181	1,932,361	97,160	**236,654**	-28.5	*143.5*	150.6
Other Buildings	261,080	36,940	134,351	123,010	23,850	**103,338**	-60.5	*333.2*	489.2
■ General Business Activity	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Airline Cargo									
Inbound Cargo (lbs)	1,486	4,174	1,666	2,284	2,922	**5,864**	294.6	*100.6*	na
Outbound Cargo (lbs)	2,946	2,456	749	600	445	**834**	-71.7	*87.4*	na
Airline Passenger Boardings									
Passengers Enplaned	3,100	3,375	3,367	3,426	3,284	**3,269**	5.4	*-0.5*	-11.8
Passengers Deplaned	3,571	3,540	3,502	3,553	3,622	**3,233**	-9.5	*-10.8*	-12.5
Telephone Lines (000)	99.3	96.8	98.0	100.8	100.7	**100.7**	1.4	*0.0*	na
■ Welfare Activity	Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	**Jun 85**			
Aid To Dependent Children									
Total Assistance Payments $	762,570	754,313	759,759	766,151	758,157	**753,691**	-1.2	*-0.6*	na
Persons	13,922	13,882	13,939	14,118	14,030	**13,883**	-0.3	*-1.1*	na
Food Stamp Information									
Coupon Value $	1,939,420	2,190,357	2,196,964	2,211,198	2,073,529	**2,079,727**	7.2	*0.2*	na
Recipients	46,810	47,848	48,454	49,393	47,695	**47,447**	1.3	*-0.6*	na
Medicaid Information									
Claims	18,860	19,897	21,196	22,954	21,551	**21,771**	15.4	*1.0*	5.2
Benefits Paid $	8,535,264	8,127,000	9,043,337	10,022,387	8,827,039	**9,101,521**	6.6	*3.1*	5.7
Inpatient - General Hospital $	2,065,038	1,000,205	1,797,910	2,308,664	2,215,600	**1,643,178**	-20.5	*-25.9*	1.6
ICF Mental $	3,564,982	3,942,662	3,879,357	3,993,229	3,917,698	**4,009,462**	12.4	*2.3*	8.8
ICF I Services $	2,070,067	2,120,214	2,141,211	2,120,422	2,156,474	**2,123,492**	2.5	*-1.5*	2.6
Physicians $	413,771	372,695	358,350	723,149	444,105	**553,688**	33.8	*24.6*	22.7
Drugs $	566,738	690,098	743,727	865,988	708,401	**813,390**	43.5	*14.8*	21.5
■ Support Enforcement Services	Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	**Jun 85**			
New Applications Received	na	363	352	424	439	**321**	na	*-26.9*	na
Number of Cases that Paid	na	1,605	2,006	1,883	1,942	**1,826**	na	*-6.0*	na
Amount Collected $	na	191,559	256,033	232,884	291,007	**244,700**	na	*-16.0*	na
Average Amount per Case $	na	119.35	127.63	123.68	149.85	**134.01**	na	*-10.6*	na

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													Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
■ Beer Sales Information			May 84		Jan 85		Feb 85		Mar 85		Apr 85	**May 85**			
Number of Cases Sold			142,250		44,097		95,388		106,324		126,003	**82,563**	-42.0	*-34.5*	-6.4
State Excise Tax Revenue		$	15,647		4,851		10,492		11,695		13,861	**9,082**	-42.0	*-34.5*	-6.4
■ Revenue Collections		$	Aug 84		Apr 85		May 85		Jun 85		Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Retail Sales Tax - State			1,684,655		1,644,449		1,692,452		1,810,533		1,753,121	**na**	na	*na*	na
Severence Tax			171,315		163,195		134,910		154,780		175,961	**99,171**	-42.2	*-43.7*	-15.8
Minimum Royalty			1,506		92		114		122		100	**111**	-92.7	*11.0*	na
New Car Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	**Sep 85**			
Audi	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	**0**	na	*0.0*	na
BMW	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	**0**	na	*0.0*	na
Buick	23	23	21	55	16	34	35	20	18	27	30	**46**	31.4	*53.3*	-17.7
Cadillac	5	4	12	9	6	8	12	5	13	7	6	**10**	-16.7	*66.6*	-25.3
Chevrolet	53	38	26	64	25	42	60	33	57	37	41	**70**	16.6	*70.7*	-17.9
Chrysler	13	7	4	14	3	9	5	4	9	3	6	**17**	240.0	*183.3*	23.3
Datsun	8	15	17	23	8	11	12	6	21	24	13	**19**	58.3	*46.1*	-26.6
Dodge	10	10	5	15	10	15	9	6	5	6	10	**9**	0.0	*-10.0*	21.1
Ford	46	50	39	62	60	51	67	35	81	47	45	**97**	44.7	*115.5*	2.3
Honda	17	19	16	37	21	17	13	9	19	11	10	**12**	-7.7	*20.0*	-19.4
Lincoln	8	21	8	20	15	11	8	13	8	16	15	**21**	162.5	*40.0*	57.4
Mazda	14	9	4	10	11	11	12	13	16	14	12	**23**	91.6	*91.6*	0.0
Mercedes	na	na	na	11	7	2	na	8	12	2	4	**5**	na	*25.0*	na
Mercury	34	30	23	51	33	38	35	37	36	55	43	**50**	42.8	*16.2*	64.0
Oldsmobile	55	29	30	65	65	31	52	43	73	48	81	**75**	44.2	*-7.5*	-19.9
Plymouth	16	6	2	11	3	7	10	4	0	3	6	**9**	-10.0	*50.0*	-6.7
Pontiac	46	28	15	49	10	38	31	33	69	23	35	**55**	77.4	*57.1*	-0.3
Porshe	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	**0**	na	*0.0*	na
Renault	6	2	6	3	2	3	6	1	2	8	4	**5**	-16.7	*25.0*	-20.7
Subaru	na	na	na	11	7	4	na	4	7	10	5	**16**	na	*220.0*	na
Toyota	5	19	4	16	12	9	10	8	11	11	21	**13**	30.0	*-38.1*	-4.8
Volkswagen	0	0	1	6	1	4	5	4	4	4	4	**7**	40.0	*75.0*	25.7
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Other	15	16	12	2	0	0	15	0	1	1	0	**0**	-100.0	*0.0*	-70.5
Total Car Sales	374	326	245	534	315	345	397	286	462	357	391	**559**	40.8	*42.9*	-4.9
New Truck Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	**Sep 85**			
Chevrolet	41	45	34	72	34	53	58	32	80	48	48	**70**	20.6	*45.8*	-15.3
Datsun	13	11	12	25	12	11	6	14	14	15	7	**9**	50.0	*28.5*	12.7
Dodge	23	14	6	31	18	29	23	20	23	20	25	**21**	-8.7	*-16.0*	-22.7
Ford	108	67	54	98	71	62	81	73	106	62	84	**91**	12.3	*8.3*	-15.2
GMC	17	15	13	18	16	13	14	17	35	37	27	**30**	114.2	*11.1*	46.9
International	na	na	na	0	1	7	na	0	1	0	1	**2**	na	*100.0*	na
Mazda	13	13	3	11	12	6	10	8	13	5	18	**6**	-40.0	*-66.7*	-13.2
Peterbilt	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	**0**	na	*0.0*	na
Toyota	3	12	9	17	12	7	11	8	10	10	16	**6**	-45.5	*-62.5*	-1.7
Other	27	23	15	40	26	27	39	27	33	22	20	**18**	-53.9	*-10.0*	13.9
Total Truck Sales	245	200	146	312	202	215	242	199	315	219	246	**253**	4.5	*2.8*	-7.4

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								Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
■ Employment & Wage Statistics		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		160.7	161.1	162.5	164.6	164.5	**166.3**	3.4	*1.0*	1.6
Total Employed (000)		149.4	148.0	149.9	151.0	149.6	**152.1**	1.8	*1.6*	2.0
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings	$	418.18	414.63	395.61	404.15	403.25	**426.53**	1.9	*5.7*	2.3
Average Weekly Mfg Hours		41.2	40.1	38.9	39.7	36.9	**0.0**	-100.0	*-100.0*	-10.4
Total Unemployed (000)		11.3	13.1	12.6	13.6	14.9	**14.2**	25.6	*-4.7*	-2.2
Unemployment Rate		7.0	8.2	7.8	8.3	9.0	**8.5**	21.4	*-5.6*	-3.7
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients		12,135	17,873	16,698	14,419	18,694	**18,226**	50.1	*-2.6*	na
Benefits Paid	$	1,546,245	2,345,565	2,235,232	1,923,455	2,492,761	**2,522,563**	63.1	*1.1*	na
■ Construction		Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	**Jul 85**			
Value Of Cons Contracts ($ Mil)		18.9	32.6	19.4	19.6	15.8	**29.5**	56.0	*86.7*	0.8
Residential		13.0	12.1	11.0	10.8	11.1	**7.8**	-40.0	*-29.8*	-33.2
Non-Residential		5.9	20.5	8.4	8.8	4.7	**21.7**	267.7	*361.7*	60.4
Number Of Construction Contracts		367	342	271	211	199	**164**	-55.4	*-17.6*	-45.6
■ Number of Permits		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Residential Building		183	71	247	261	361	**222**	21.3	*-38.6*	-21.1
One Family Houses		97	59	113	101	111	**102**	5.1	*-8.2*	-9.8
Two Family Buildings		2	0	0	2	2	**2**	0.0	*0.0*	-53.9
Multi-Family Buildings		84	12	134	158	248	**118**	40.4	*-52.5*	-27.4
Commercial & Industrial		98	60	101	102	121	**112**	14.2	*-7.5*	-15.6
Hotels & Motels		0	0	0	0	0	**11**	0.0	*0.0*	16.3
Churches		0	1	0	1	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	-71.5
Industrial Buildings		2	8	3	5	5	**6**	200.0	*20.0*	36.1
Hospitals		0	1	0	0	1	**0**	0.0	*-100.0*	-16.7
Offices, Banks, & Profession		7	6	4	4	9	**6**	-14.3	*-33.4*	3.5
Retail Stores		10	5	7	12	10	**10**	0.0	*0.0*	-6.3
Additions & Alterations		58	29	64	57	70	**61**	5.1	*-12.9*	-24.2
Other Buildings		21	10	23	23	26	**18**	-14.3	*-30.8*	-17.9
■ Value of Permits		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Residential Building		7,140,466	5,628,423	8,306,330	8,987,530	10,192,517	**7,389,735**	3.4	*-27.5*	-10.5
One Family Houses		5,222,081	5,265,291	5,534,489	5,071,315	5,621,670	**4,780,222**	-8.5	*-15.0*	-2.2
Two Family Buildings		41,088	0	0	44,317	39,215	**39,215**	-4.6	*0.0*	-40.1
Multi-Family Buildings		1,877,297	363,132	2,771,841	3,871,898	4,531,632	**2,570,298**	36.9	*-43.3*	-21.5
Commercial & Industrial		11,179,088	7,090,026	8,454,741	11,569,182	11,787,606	**11,058,157**	-1.1	*-6.2*	-16.8
Hotels & Motels		0	0	0	0	0	**172,418**	0.0	*0.0*	48.8
Churches		0	329,231	0	117,688	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	-90.8
Industrial Buildings		507,211	2,146,018	683,890	3,700,776	576,829	**1,262,379**	148.8	*118.8*	46.5
Hospitals		0	656,426	0	0	300,296	**0**	0.0	*-100.0*	3.5
Offices, Banks, & Profession		3,497,942	1,622,044	2,418,438	2,624,447	3,851,391	**3,621,685**	3.5	*-6.0*	-14.0
Retail Stores		4,090,366	1,228,970	2,338,462	2,082,131	2,377,552	**1,966,240**	-52.0	*-17.3*	-30.4
Additions & Alterations		2,323,299	908,725	2,424,022	2,501,958	3,338,104	**3,180,928**	36.9	*-4.8*	-15.4
Other Buildings		760,270	198,612	589,929	542,182	1,343,434	**854,507**	12.3	*-36.4*	-15.4
■ FHLB Const. Loans ($ Mil)		Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	**Jun 85**			
Construction										
Condominium	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
5 or More	$	1.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	-100.0	*0.0*	na
Non-Residential	$	6.7	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	**1.6**	-76.2	*220.0*	na
Purchases										
Single (New)	$	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	**0.3**	-25.0	*50.0*	na
Family (Other)	$	1.6	0.6	0.5	0.8	1.2	**0.5**	-68.8	*-58.4*	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Non-Residential	$	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.0	1.6	**0.0**	-100.0	*-100.0*	na
Other										
Land Loans	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.2**	0.0	*0.0*	na
Refinancing	$	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.0	**0.0**	0.0	*0.0*	na
All Other	$	0.1	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.4	**1.2**	1,100.0	*-14.3*	na
Total Loans Closed	$	10.5	3.0	3.6	3.6	5.0	**3.9**	-62.9	*-22.0*	-59.4
Loans in Process	$	19.9	10.4	9.5	7.7	5.8	**6.3**	-68.4	*8.6*	na
■ General Business Activity		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Airline Cargo		2,672,000	2,787,203	2,043,666	2,885,303	2,626,383	**2,674,255**	0.0	*1.8*	35.9
Inbound Cargo		na	1,868,276	2,120,437	1,944,318	1,810,075	**1,827,368**	na	*0.9*	na
Outbound Cargo		na	918,927	923,229	940,985	816,308	**846,887**	na	*3.7*	na
Passengers Enplaned		30,000	28,804	36,527	32,902	34,550	**33,505**	11.6	*-3.1*	3.5
Telephone Lines (000)		192.7	191.6	193.8	196.7	196.8	**196.6**	2.0	*-0.2*	na
■ Beer Sales Information		May 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	**May 85**			
Number of Cases Sold		457,915	277,677	293,552	327,097	419,157	**456,063**	-0.5	*8.8*	0.2
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	50,371	30,544	32,291	35,980	46,108	**50,166**	-0.5	*8.8*	0.2

Economic Indicators: Shreveport Area

								Per Cent Change: Latest Month / Same Month Prior Year	Per Cent Change: Latest Month / Prior Month	Per Cent Change: Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
■ Welfare Activity		Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	$	1,422,600	1,433,354	1,469,128	1,470,613	1,460,115	**1,439,683**	1.2	*-1.4*	na
Persons		25,992	26,657	27,313	27,353	27,144	**26,786**	3.0	*-1.4*	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	$	3,428,176	3,815,673	3,815,585	3,815,990	3,634,870	**3,653,273**	6.5	*0.5*	na
Recipients		79,900	81,521	81,963	81,932	81,920	**79,780**	-0.2	*-2.7*	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims		22,806	22,873	24,521	29,167	26,832	**26,765**	17.3	*-0.3*	4.4
Benefits Paid	$	7,096,010	6,896,723	7,920,107	9,122,717	8,064,032	**7,944,844**	11.9	*-1.5*	10.1
Inpatient - General Hospital	$	1,264,462	1,012,999	1,591,989	1,650,345	1,187,040	**1,253,407**	-0.9	*5.5*	17.4
ICF Mental	$	1,792,432	2,188,618	2,124,310	2,040,582	2,053,200	**2,033,263**	13.4	*-1.0*	17.2
ICF I Services	$	2,235,994	2,310,822	2,422,344	2,455,633	2,471,026	**2,434,820**	8.8	*-1.5*	1.9
Physicians	$	478,854	366,083	386,116	649,228	479,017	**503,133**	5.0	*5.0*	9.0
Drugs	$	588,893	579,638	742,134	874,121	659,453	**801,365**	36.0	*21.5*	16.2
■ Support Enforcement Services		Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
New Applications Received		na	455	485	554	516	**464**	na	*-10.1*	na
Number of Cases that Paid		na	2,537	2,978	2,825	2,922	**2,883**	na	*-1.4*	na
Amount Collected	$	na	339,868	442,067	404,827	466,694	**411,146**	na	*-12.0*	na
Average Amount per Case	$	na	133.96	148.44	143.30	159.72	**142.61**	na	*-10.8*	na
■ Gas Activity Report • MCF		Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
Field Intake		12,829,195	11,080,143	12,666,085	11,533,713	11,165,582	**9,648,348**	-24.8	*-13.6*	-11.5
Pipeline & Other Intake		1,322,572	1,727,311	1,556,775	1,114,081	1,300,690	**1,857,526**	40.4	*42.8*	1.1
Sales to Pipelines		11,767,467	10,535,801	11,930,848	10,751,942	10,387,447	**9,520,018**	-19.1	*-8.4*	-11.1
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		116,611	57,387	57,387	61,010	76,155	**78,821**	-32.5	*3.5*	-17.7
Return to Field		71,037	161,025	85,900	66,405	76,870	**63,791**	-10.3	*-17.1*	-16.5
Returned for Gas Lift		0	0	0	0	0	**0**	0.0	*0.0*	-100.0
Returned to Reservoir		427,894	295,184	331,014	364,064	316,279	**327,537**	-23.5	*3.5*	-13.1
Vented		300,951	48,182	87,945	101,544	209,195	**186,548**	-38.1	*-10.9*	-51.9
Plant Fuel		691,156	741,026	765,560	691,926	716,910	**697,909**	0.9	*-2.7*	3.4
Shrinkage and Other		776,651	968,849	964,206	610,903	683,416	**631,250**	-18.8	*-7.7*	11.3
■ Revenue Collections	$	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Retail Sales Tax - State		5,997,536	6,658,425	6,122,305	6,585,756	6,845,691	na	na	*na*	na
Severence Tax		2,623,378	2,096,400	2,024,048	1,830,395	2,417,853	**1,978,086**	-24.6	*-18.2*	-11.7
Minimum Royalty		104,308	71,302	137,187	78,056	93,074	**74,608**	-28.5	*-19.9*	na

New Car Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85			
Audi	na	na	na	17	10	15	na	12	13	16	7	**5**	na	*-28.6*	na
BMW	na	na	na	10	6	8	na	6	7	10	12	**6**	na	*-50.0*	na
Buick	82	66	62	131	54	83	83	80	80	87	84	**109**	31.3	*29.7*	-15.3
Cadillac	31	35	34	29	35	45	39	38	56	41	43	**49**	25.6	*13.9*	-9.7
Chevrolet	198	112	103	211	114	206	163	182	144	140	149	**241**	47.8	*61.7*	-7.9
Chrysler	41	30	26	47	37	55	34	46	38	41	35	**112**	229.4	*220.0*	26.9
Datsun	17	47	38	37	21	33	32	33	25	44	28	**44**	37.5	*57.1*	-12.4
Dodge	42	31	18	44	40	32	22	49	24	35	31	**33**	50.0	*6.4*	31.2
Ford	232	210	187	159	135	156	124	278	177	191	127	**204**	64.5	*60.6*	0.2
Honda	31	26	21	37	19	19	17	31	24	24	16	**39**	129.4	*143.7*	-12.8
Lincoln	83	44	28	56	20	23	75	40	36	33	35	**45**	-40.0	*28.5*	-19.5
Mazda	29	16	15	26	18	24	27	16	14	16	27	**18**	-33.4	*-33.4*	-3.8
Mercedes	na	na	na	7	5	7	na	13	7	5	9	**8**	na	*-11.2*	na
Mercury	98	65	56	73	50	53	75	57	50	94	63	**188**	150.6	*198.4*	-14.6
Oldsmobile	125	123	104	159	114	149	139	159	240	149	159	**208**	49.6	*30.8*	-18.1
Plymouth	24	13	17	26	41	83	15	26	26	18	19	**46**	206.6	*142.1*	68.7
Pontiac	127	85	56	110	71	112	97	124	96	60	79	**145**	49.4	*83.5*	-8.8
Porshe	na	na	na	9	3	1	na	3	4	3	2	**4**	na	*100.0*	na
Renault	13	20	10	8	12	4	12	16	4	5	5	**14**	16.6	*180.0*	-39.4
Subaru	na	na	na	11	8	13	na	13	6	9	9	**6**	na	*-33.4*	na
Toyota	50	43	30	35	33	35	22	56	59	39	45	**22**	0.0	*-51.2*	-5.6
Volkswagen	7	7	10	12	7	9	14	10	10	9	20	**14**	0.0	*-30.0*	8.1
Volvo	2	3	6	9	4	7	2	4	4	7	13	**6**	200.0	*-53.9*	-5.2
Other	45	50	45	15	9	10	30	9	14	17	14	**22**	-26.7	*57.1*	-43.7
Total Car Sales	1,277	1,026	866	1,278	866	1,182	1,022	1,301	1,158	1,093	1,031	**1,588**	55.3	*54.0*	-6.5

New Truck Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85			
Chevrolet	167	130	106	151	77	164	151	166	193	197	138	**140**	-7.3	*1.4*	-6.6
Datsun	7	8	14	22	33	26	11	20	10	10	14	**11**	0.0	*-21.5*	13.1
Dodge	74	54	44	67	55	78	46	56	57	44	62	**82**	78.2	*32.2*	6.7
Ford	194	196	122	165	154	137	160	153	196	221	141	**132**	-17.5	*-6.4*	-7.2
GMC	26	16	16	19	23	26	23	27	34	43	25	**41**	78.2	*64.0*	1.6
International	na	na	na	3	1	1	na	4	4	3	11	**1**	na	*-91.0*	na
Mazda	20	6	12	18	12	22	22	10	14	15	17	**21**	-4.6	*23.5*	-8.6
Peterbilt	na	na	na	0	0	2	na	0	1	0	3	**0**	na	*-100.0*	na
Toyota	24	16	24	39	21	28	24	0	40	30	23	**26**	8.3	*13.0*	23.0
Other	63	53	35	64	48	53	65	59	59	28	48	**36**	-44.7	*-25.0*	-11.0
Total Truck Sales	575	479	373	548	424	537	502	495	608	591	482	**490**	-2.4	*1.6*	-3.3

Economic Indicators: Monroe Area

								Per Cent Change		
								Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
								Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
■ Employment & Wage Statistics		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		63.7	61.7	62.1	64.0	63.1	62.5	-1.9	-1.0	-1.5
Total Employed (000)		58.0	55.9	56.2	57.9	57.2	55.6	-2.5	-1.1	-1.3
Total Unemployed (000)		5.7	5.8	5.9	6.1	5.9	5.9	3.5	0.0	-2.9
Unemployment Rate		9.0	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.3	9.4	4.4	1.0	-1.9
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Recipients		7,669	7,593	7,548	6,638	7,788	8,061	5.1	3.5	na
Benefits Paid	$	995,320	950,022	934,896	848,728	992,560	1,008,388	1.3	1.5	na
■ Construction		Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85			
Value Of Cons Contracts ($ Mil)		7.8	9.3	10.6	5.5	3.7	12.6	61.5	240.5	59.9
Residential		6.8	7.1	4.5	4.0	2.6	9.3	36.7	257.6	30.7
Non-Residential		1.0	2.2	6.1	1.5	1.1	3.3	230.0	200.0	103.4
Number Of Construction Contracts		79	94	65	70	49	239	202.5	387.7	35.8
■ Number of Permits		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Residential Building		73	200	57	37	42	263	260.2	526.1	0.6
One Family Houses		44	48	55	37	38	55	25.0	44.7	-16.3
Two Family Buildings		2	0	2	0	4	0	-100.0	-100.0	-33.4
Multi-Family Buildings		27	152	0	0	0	208	670.3	0.0	29.8
Commercial & Industrial		172	49	48	53	44	34	-80.3	-22.8	-22.5
Hotels & Motels		145	0	0	0	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-100.0
Churches		0	1	1	1	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Industrial Buildings		2	0	0	1	1	0	-100.0	-100.0	-60.9
Hospitals		0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	-100.0
Offices, Banks, & Profession		0	1	5	0	4	1	0.0	-75.0	41.1
Retail Stores		3	6	9	9	6	5	66.6	-16.7	31.3
Additions & Alterations		14	21	27	33	27	20	42.8	-26.0	41.6
Other Buildings		8	20	6	9	6	8	0.0	33.3	8.1
■ Value of Permits		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Residential Building		3,493,283	8,016,305	3,680,120	2,406,000	2,191,325	9,103,000	160.5	315.4	20.1
One Family Houses		2,792,283	3,296,305	3,555,120	2,406,000	2,141,325	3,681,000	31.8	71.9	-0.1
Two Family Buildings		65,000	0	125,000	0	50,000	0	-100.0	-100.0	-48.6
Multi-Family Buildings		636,000	4,720,000	0	0	0	5,422,000	752.5	0.0	149.2
Commercial & Industrial		4,740,702	1,932,843	3,724,896	2,653,675	3,590,500	4,113,395	-13.3	14.5	-43.3
Hotels & Motels		1,550,000	0	0	0	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-100.0
Churches		0	250,000	60,000	80,000	0	0	0.0	0.0	-52.1
Industrial Buildings		110,154	0	0	65,000	142,000	0	-100.0	-100.0	-62.5
Hospitals		0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	-100.0
Offices, Banks, & Profession		0	50,000	2,288,634	0	835,000	400,000	0.0	-52.1	583.2
Retail Stores		106,600	615,500	277,000	632,400	1,398,500	367,200	244.4	-73.8	-41.5
Additions & Alterations		2,935,848	823,311	1,029,462	1,817,875	1,129,500	3,261,795	11.1	188.7	72.4
Other Buildings		38,100	194,032	69,800	58,400	85,500	84,400	121.5	-1.3	-55.5
■ FHLB Const. Loans ($ Mil)		Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
Construction										
Condominium	$	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.0	-100.0	-100.0	na
1-to-4 Unit	$	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	na
5 or More	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	na
Non-Residential	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	-100.0	na
Purchases										
Single (New)	$	3.4	1.8	2.0	1.3	1.6	0.7	-79.5	-56.3	na
Family (Other)	$	3.5	4.8	3.2	4.5	3.1	4.8	37.1	54.8	na
2-to-4 Unit	$	0.1	0.8	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	300.0	300.0	na
5 or More	$	0.5	0.0	0.7	0.0	1.0	0.0	-100.0	-100.0	na
Non-Residential	$	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	na
Other										
Land Loans	$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	na
Refinancing	$	1.8	1.4	1.4	2.2	0.8	0.5	-72.3	-37.5	na
All Other	$	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.5	150.0	0.0	na
Total Loans Closed	$	13.4	10.0	8.3	9.4	7.4	7.1	-47.1	-4.1	na
Loans in Process	$	46.5	18.3	15.7	12.5	9.6	6.8	-85.4	-29.2	na
■ Gas Activity Report • MCF		Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
Field Intake		587,316	675,734	739,319	716,964	766,423	764,071	30.0	-0.4	6.6
Pipeline & Other Intake		304,771	21,513	19,798	23,415	24,486	20,076	-93.5	-18.1	-67.8
Sales to Pipelines		276,019	23,180	28,938	35,899	21,255	16,143	-94.2	-24.1	-63.6
Sales to City Gates & Industrials		0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	na
Return to Field		28,441	30,201	34,383	32,785	32,223	58,512	105.7	81.5	-48.1
Returned for Gas Lift		376,828	360,684	378,788	352,891	366,551	356,103	-5.5	-2.9	-10.9
Returned to Reservoir		93,138	177,347	195,692	210,230	243,643	236,846	154.2	-2.8	135.4
Vented		1,674	0	0	0	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-64.9
Plant Fuel		68,842	62,175	69,125	65,042	69,905	68,080	-1.2	-2.7	-4.9
Shrinkage and Other		47,145	43,660	52,191	43,532	57,332	48,463	2.7	-15.5	-1.2
■ Beer Sales Information		May 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85			
Number of Cases Sold		152,016	106,449	112,575	127,642	153,848	176,039	15.8	14.4	2.2
State Excise Tax Revenue	$	16,721	11,710	12,363	14,041	16,923	19,365	15.8	14.4	2.2

Economic Indicators: Monroe Area

								Per Cent Change: Latest Month – Same Month Prior Year	Per Cent Change: Latest Month – Prior Month	Per Cent Change: Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
■ General Business Activity		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Airline Cargo		35,803	21,163	28,262	16,040	31,751	**24,245**	-32.3	*-23.7*	-34.5
Airline Passenger (Enplanements)		8,772	7,756	8,680	8,970	9,092	**9,042**	3.0	*-0.6*	0.7
Airline Passenger (Deplanements)		9,137	8,044	8,762	8,776	9,356	**9,510**	4.0	*1.6*	1.3
Telephone Lines (000)		129.4	127.6	129.2	131.7	131.7	**132.0**	2.0	*0.2*	na
■ Welfare Activity		Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
Aid To Dependent Children										
Total Assistance Payments	$	1,168,413	1,144,703	1,173,699	1,172,411	1,153,826	**1,151,209**	-1.5	*-0.3*	na
Persons		21,655	21,399	22,008	21,937	21,675	**21,646**	-0.1	*-0.2*	na
Food Stamp Information										
Coupon Value	$	2,681,169	2,885,781	2,911,784	2,894,292	2,727,273	**2,701,820**	0.7	*-1.0*	na
Recipients		63,498	63,180	63,423	63,813	62,244	**61,373**	-3.4	*-1.4*	na
Medicaid Information										
Claims		22,208	23,291	24,242	26,627	25,627	**25,426**	14.4	*-0.8*	3.7
Benefits Paid	$	6,166,294	5,400,176	6,298,682	7,248,785	6,258,234	**6,623,085**	7.4	*5.8*	5.6
Inpatient - General Hospital	$	560,071	184,697	394,754	521,703	na	**na**	na	*na*	na
ICF Mental	$	545,835	600,207	574,154	724,733	569,390	**645,246**	18.2	*13.3*	8.4
ICF I Services	$	2,211,082	2,276,812	2,326,410	2,375,993	2,391,730	**2,379,185**	7.6	*-0.6*	6.2
Physicians	$	606,895	573,154	533,470	791,911	474,597	**649,572**	7.0	*36.8*	3.1
Drugs	$	721,971	837,924	906,051	1,052,279	910,092	**997,752**	38.1	*9.6*	14.6
■ Support Enforcement Services		Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
New Applications Received		na	308	632	509	406	**383**	na	*-5.7*	na
Number of Cases that Paid		na	2,802	3,431	3,304	3,409	**3,269**	na	*-4.2*	na
Amount Collected	$	na	290,341	387,527	368,856	439,656	**400,785**	na	*-8.9*	na
Average Amount per Case	$	na	103.62	112.87	111.64	128.97	**122.60**	na	*-5.0*	na
■ Revenue Collections	$	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Retail Sales Tax - State		3,598,562	2,942,046	3,072,716	3,005,803	3,290,053	**na**	na	*na*	na
Severence Tax		256,826	192,076	206,445	187,714	228,753	**176,669**	-31.3	*-22.8*	-2.4
Minimum Royalty		1,561	11,260	3,309	5,124	5,116	**1,491**	-4.5	*-70.9*	na

New Car Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85			
Audi	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	**0**	na	*0.0*	na
BMW	na	na	na	4	2	5	na	3	6	3	4	**17**	na	*325.0*	na
Buick	39	36	34	41	33	25	40	48	43	26	34	**53**	32.5	*55.8*	-25.9
Cadillac	14	17	14	30	15	17	14	20	23	18	13	**15**	7.1	*15.3*	-10.3
Chevrolet	63	42	40	69	40	37	49	37	39	45	37	**69**	40.8	*86.4*	-2.2
Chrysler	20	17	15	17	16	23	17	18	28	15	14	**17**	0.0	*21.4*	51.0
Datsun	18	21	21	19	12	20	21	15	33	58	31	**39**	85.7	*25.8*	28.2
Dodge	15	30	7	26	26	31	13	15	20	23	18	**11**	-15.4	*-38.9*	82.7
Ford	78	50	47	93	44	78	41	55	58	54	44	**67**	63.4	*52.2*	5.7
Honda	30	43	29	44	21	19	15	30	14	22	22	**27**	80.0	*22.7*	0.6
Lincoln	25	17	19	20	12	25	20	10	11	23	27	**35**	75.0	*29.6*	38.1
Mazda	29	21	13	19	9	24	19	16	18	18	28	**23**	21.0	*-17.9*	3.9
Mercedes	na	na	na	16	4	3	na	4	10	8	4	**6**	na	*50.0*	na
Mercury	40	32	34	32	10	35	40	22	22	27	38	**74**	85.0	*94.7*	9.5
Oldsmobile	58	67	40	74	35	77	54	81	71	69	62	**100**	85.1	*61.2*	-11.6
Plymouth	11	15	9	13	11	16	9	10	19	17	11	**13**	44.4	*18.1*	174.1
Pontiac	31	39	21	45	28	41	36	72	43	57	42	**95**	163.8	*126.1*	35.8
Porshe	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	**0**	na	*0.0*	na
Renault	1	3	1	1	2	5	2	1	3	2	0	**3**	50.0	*0.0*	10.0
Subaru	na	na	na	8	6	10	na	9	6	4	4	**8**	na	*100.0*	na
Toyota	31	29	30	43	26	33	25	26	36	34	38	**33**	32.0	*-13.2*	47.6
Volkswagen	3	0	9	4	5	3	2	11	17	11	8	**10**	400.0	*25.0*	102.2
Volvo	9	8	4	11	6	6	6	6	13	11	11	**9**	50.0	*-18.2*	-7.4
Other	21	13	14	2	2	7	10	1	5	4	5	**0**	-100.0	*-100.0*	-50.0
Total Car Sales	536	500	401	631	365	540	433	510	538	569	495	**724**	67.2	*46.2*	9.7

New Truck Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85			
Chevrolet	96	62	64	100	62	99	71	81	96	97	64	**80**	12.6	*25.0*	23.4
Datsun	13	10	16	27	23	8	3	18	21	19	14	**37**	1,133.3	*164.2*	95.9
Dodge	20	24	18	34	20	30	21	27	23	15	24	**26**	23.8	*8.3*	37.2
Ford	126	75	52	117	59	94	67	70	121	86	65	**67**	0.0	*3.0*	6.9
GMC	43	28	24	26	27	45	26	62	72	44	57	**56**	115.3	*-1.8*	23.6
International	na	na	na	5	0	1	na	3	9	4	6	**3**	na	*-50.0*	na
Mazda	30	19	14	24	20	25	28	23	24	22	19	**24**	-14.3	*26.3*	-8.4
Peterbilt	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	**0**	na	*0.0*	na
Toyota	10	17	17	28	11	29	15	14	15	20	22	**28**	86.6	*27.2*	35.5
Other	35	16	20	22	19	19	18	25	21	21	20	**17**	-5.6	*-15.0*	-20.2
Total Truck Sales	373	251	225	383	241	350	249	323	402	328	291	**338**	35.7	*16.1*	16.7

Economic Indicators: Houma Area

Per Cent Change

							Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
■ **Employement & Wage Statistics**	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	84.7	84.6	85.8	86.9	86.3	86.0	1.5	-0.4	0.3
Total Employed (000)	76.7	75.2	76.6	77.4	77.0	77.1	0.5	0.1	1.2
Total Unemployed (000)	8.0	9.4	9.2	9.5	9.3	8.9	11.2	-4.4	-6.5
Unemployment Rate	9.4	11.1	10.7	11.0	10.8	10.3	9.5	-4.7	-7.3
Regular State Unemployment Benefits									
Recipients	7,806	11,085	10,053	7,703	9,567	8,213	5.2	-14.2	na
Benefits Paid $	1,119,082	1,630,525	1,485,847	1,171,653	1,422,307	1,224,771	9.4	-13.9	na
■ **Construction**	Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85			
Value Of Cons Contracts ($ Mil)	5.1	6.4	3.7	4.5	3.1	5.5	7.8	77.4	na
Residential	3.8	4.3	3.4	3.8	2.5	4.8	26.3	92.0	na
Non-Residential	1.3	2.1	0.3	0.7	0.6	0.7	-46.2	16.6	na
Number Of Construction Contracts	70	69	60	58	38	98	40.0	157.8	3.1
■ **Number of Permits**	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Residential Building	96	49	58	26	53	43	-55.3	-18.9	-49.9
One Family Houses	48	49	42	26	53	43	-10.5	-18.9	-39.7
Two Family Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	-100.0
Multi-Family Buildings	48	0	16	0	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-89.0
Commercial & Industrial	49	33	22	27	47	22	-55.2	-53.2	-38.6
Hotels & Motels	0	0	0	0	22	0	0.0	-100.0	na
Churches	0	1	0	0	0	3	0.0	0.0	83.3
Industrial Buildings	3	0	0	1	3	0	-100.0	-100.0	-52.7
Hospitals	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.0	-100.0	-25.0
Offices, Banks, & Profession	3	6	1	1	0	1	-66.7	0.0	-15.2
Retail Stores	8	5	3	5	5	3	-62.5	-40.0	-52.6
Additions & Alterations	10	4	9	8	6	9	-10.0	50.0	-32.6
Other Buildings	25	17	9	12	10	6	-76.0	-40.0	-48.7
■ **Value of Permits**	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85			
Residential Building	3,577,570	2,425,500	2,952,688	1,395,500	3,274,500	2,359,590	-34.1	-28.0	-40.4
One Family Houses	2,477,570	2,425,500	2,832,688	1,395,500	3,274,500	2,359,590	-4.8	-28.0	-34.9
Two Family Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	-100.0
Multi-Family Buildings	1,100,000	0	120,000	0	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-91.6
Commercial & Industrial	1,330,313	843,767	419,421	672,971	2,585,550	903,063	-32.2	-65.1	-35.9
Hotels & Motels	0	0	0	0	123,000	0	0.0	-100.0	na
Churches	0	30,000	0	0	0	130,000	0.0	0.0	-26.8
Industrial Buildings	125,500	0	0	194,000	737,000	0	-100.0	-100.0	-25.7
Hospitals	0	0	0	0	215,500	0	0.0	-100.0	-13.7
Offices, Banks, & Profession	326,000	426,800	60,000	5,500	0	35,611	-89.1	0.0	-51.0
Retail Stores	412,750	173,667	6,500	124,600	126,500	471,252	14.1	272.5	-56.4
Additions & Alterations	214,735	94,500	78,000	154,850	75,550	57,700	-68.5	-10.4	-51.7
Other Buildings	251,328	118,800	274,921	194,021	1,308,000	198,500	-21.1	-84.9	-16.8
■ **Gas Activity Report • MCF**	Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
Field Intake	9,741,082	8,202,792	9,167,174	9,049,320	9,470,498	8,883,169	-8.9	-6.3	-17.2
Pipeline & Other Intake	11,635,248	10,488,542	7,929,393	8,167,292	10,412,692	11,112,722	-4.5	6.7	-11.6
Sales to Pipelines	19,254,659	16,870,819	15,244,964	15,242,088	17,922,866	18,078,180	-6.2	0.8	-15.4
Sales to City Gates & Industrials	23,399	63,099	51,307	42,978	41,392	50,974	117.8	23.1	-85.1
Return to Field	762,818	443,690	524,087	641,547	537,199	538,186	-29.5	0.1	98.7
Returned for Gas Lift	233,197	148,160	165,461	180,253	214,949	240,001	2.9	11.6	-26.7
Returned to Reservoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	na
Vented	1,781	1,245	616	468	483	412	-76.9	-14.7	-93.6
Plant Fuel	410,625	418,197	419,347	388,420	408,221	406,908	-1.0	-0.4	-3.7
Shrinkage and Other	689,851	741,124	690,785	720,858	758,080	681,230	-1.3	-10.2	2.2
■ **Welfare Activity**	Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
Aid To Dependent Children									
Total Assistance Payments $	1,003,727	1,017,411	1,050,715	1,043,340	1,031,099	1,035,666	3.1	0.4	na
Persons	18,199	18,562	19,132	19,035	18,833	18,943	4.0	0.5	na
Food Stamp Information									
Coupon Value $	2,487,075	2,825,230	2,884,755	2,871,797	2,755,537	2,750,851	10.6	-0.2	na
Recipients	54,938	58,117	59,071	59,062	58,002	57,702	5.0	-0.6	na
Medicaid Information									
Claims	13,072	13,654	14,793	16,859	16,341	16,983	29.9	3.9	11.1
Benefits Paid $	3,703,285	2,805,326	3,461,480	4,277,389	3,766,570	3,993,483	7.8	6.0	13.5
Inpatient - General Hospital $	1,216,564	626,187	1,051,730	1,223,008	1,209,781	1,133,365	-6.9	-6.4	5.5
ICF Mental $	160,894	230,621	215,068	220,789	210,457	207,413	28.9	-1.5	26.9
ICF I Services $	820,456	849,357	872,332	851,196	879,130	838,003	2.1	-4.7	5.8
Physicians $	345,987	304,799	290,398	693,739	339,427	494,256	42.8	45.6	24.0
Drugs $	272,266	333,465	361,887	409,460	343,309	411,177	51.0	19.7	22.7
■ **Support Enforcement Services**	Jun 84	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85			
New Applications Received	na	683	757	403	428	372	na	-13.1	na
Number of Cases that Paid	na	640	881	763	810	839	na	3.5	na
Amount Collected $	na	84,100	121,507	118,941	118,962	160,443	na	34.8	na
Average Amount per Case $	na	131.41	137.92	155.88	146.87	191.23	na	30.2	na
■ **Beer Sales Information**	May 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85			
Number of Cases Sold	231,474	142,896	164,729	176,051	213,882	240,790	4.0	12.5	-0.9
State Excise Tax Revenue $	25,462	15,719	18,120	19,365	23,527	26,485	4.0	12.5	-0.9

Economic Indicators: Houma Area

■ Revenue Collections	$	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Per Cent Change: Latest Month, Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month, Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Retail Sales Tax - State		1,774,938	1,924,408	1,944,019	1,949,990	2,035,890	na	na	*na*	na
Severence Tax		8,987,124	7,120,554	8,081,031	8,108,777	8,402,171	7,340,889	-18.4	*-12.7*	-17.9
Minimum Royalty		6,313,861	5,002,254	6,161,190	5,300,220	5,114,401	5,628,460	-10.9	*10.0*	na

New Car Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85			
Audi	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	0	na	*0.0*	na
BMW	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	0	na	*0.0*	na
Buick	47	45	29	58	27	41	38	31	35	36	36	68	78.9	*88.8*	-24.1
Cadillac	13	12	9	20	10	14	7	14	10	13	4	12	71.4	*200.0*	-2.8
Chevrolet	69	49	46	73	47	62	68	66	49	54	48	79	16.1	*64.5*	-11.3
Chrysler	15	19	14	16	11	17	17	22	22	11	19	22	29.4	*15.7*	16.8
Datsun	13	12	26	18	17	13	22	13	24	24	22	60	172.7	*172.7*	0.0
Dodge	16	17	17	15	20	23	16	20	37	17	16	25	56.2	*56.2*	0.4
Ford	52	50	50	47	52	78	62	65	66	58	47	79	27.4	*68.0*	9.7
Honda	32	17	33	46	34	11	24	34	19	28	8	37	54.1	*362.5*	0.6
Lincoln	18	12	11	15	11	14	11	13	6	13	15	16	45.4	*6.6*	56.5
Mazda	3	5	2	3	9	4	6	3	8	8	1	8	33.3	*700.0*	0.0
Mercedes	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	0	na	*0.0*	na
Mercury	39	23	18	28	36	40	28	23	22	32	26	36	28.5	*38.4*	19.0
Oldsmobile	36	36	44	66	52	51	41	83	44	54	28	38	-7.4	*35.7*	-27.0
Plymouth	12	11	4	17	15	15	10	16	11	16	14	24	140.0	*71.4*	40.0
Pontiac	33	33	40	38	20	38	25	34	20	45	33	63	152.0	*90.9*	7.6
Porshe	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	0	na	*0.0*	na
Renault	7	1	1	1	5	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.0	*0.0*	-61.6
Subaru	na	na	na	11	3	21	na	8	21	13	19	11	na	*-42.2*	na
Toyota	42	20	28	23	26	19	28	25	30	34	33	31	10.7	*-6.1*	0.9
Volkswagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	*0.0*	na
Volvo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	*0.0*	na
Other	8	6	5	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	6	-14.3	*0.0*	-72.7
Total Car Sales	455	368	377	495	395	464	410	472	424	456	369	615	50.0	*66.6*	-3.4

New Truck Sales	Sep 84	Nov 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85			
Chevrolet	72	81	41	66	54	71	54	82	74	80	73	76	40.7	*4.1*	5.4
Datsun	9	12	17	12	30	13	7	10	17	11	11	29	314.2	*163.6*	19.4
Dodge	59	50	49	59	66	81	38	59	59	57	36	66	73.6	*83.3*	16.9
Ford	70	75	58	63	57	74	52	89	96	80	42	51	-2.0	*21.4*	2.8
GMC	19	27	24	40	29	21	24	32	33	34	17	25	4.1	*47.0*	-2.4
International	na	na	na	3	3	3	na	3	2	2	5	1	na	*-80.0*	na
Mazda	4	4	4	3	1	4	9	0	2	6	2	4	-55.6	*100.0*	-16.0
Peterbilt	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0	0	0	0	0	na	*0.0*	na
Toyota	22	10	18	27	8	15	15	21	19	24	20	29	93.3	*45.0*	39.6
Other	30	13	18	29	17	27	19	34	24	30	19	16	-15.8	*-15.8*	49.4
Total Truck Sales	285	272	229	302	265	309	218	330	326	324	225	na	na	*na*	na

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Parishes

Per Cent Change

Parish	Population	Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Acadia	59,369	403,397	418,223	545,674	522,230	489,733	539,235	33.6	10.1	36.8
Allen	21,739	70,976	65,179	92,929	85,003	75,989	91,538	28.9	20.4	35.6
Ascension	54,618	512,465	581,929	647,163	796,579	708,394	739,526	44.3	4.3	49.8
Assumption	23,955	63,673	56,516	82,360	73,958	81,667	81,448	27.9	-0.3	19.8
Avoyelles	42,715	134,096	135,176	195,696	175,738	177,156	194,269	44.8	9.6	39.9
Beauregard	31,207	143,727	187,787	270,309	251,469	243,043	268,860	87.0	10.6	-11.4
Bienville	16,188	57,758	37,273	90,666	53,540	47,117	48,806	-15.5	3.5	30.2
Bossier	88,370	739,781	576,933	791,336	825,434	1,011,821	984,605	33.0	-2.7	34.9
Caddo	261,817	4,159,375	4,225,109	5,563,258	4,960,659	5,253,701	5,520,601	32.7	5.0	27.4
Calcasieu	176,760	2,100,754	2,280,054	2,719,510	2,632,579	2,816,404	2,705,746	28.7	-4.0	33.2
Caldwell	10,947	41,922	42,199	42,080	42,546	51,646	50,183	19.6	-2.9	42.6
Cameron	10,139	99,117	56,972	68,202	79,573	54,486	70,547	-28.9	29.4	34.8
Catahoula	12,326	55,365	34,062	63,184	69,525	53,766	54,154	-2.2	0.7	12.3
Claiborne	18,367	101,741	73,979	104,852	97,365	98,015	99,559	-2.2	1.5	36.4
Concordia	23,577	108,537	104,790	137,366	155,762	141,370	158,753	44.4	10.8	42.7
Desoto	26,970	121,723	136,150	170,468	152,863	167,469	156,368	28.4	-6.7	23.8
East Baton Rouge	389,503	6,870,428	7,509,807	8,837,864	8,829,262	8,677,815	8,341,675	21.4	-3.9	34.8
East Carroll	11,671	56,312	40,377	65,099	140,659	68,499	65,658	16.5	-4.2	48.1
East Feliciana	19,939	87,748	42,658	69,081	63,583	50,294	69,135	-21.3	37.4	137.3
Evangeline	34,367	143,541	134,409	203,851	180,547	184,144	193,984	35.1	5.3	28.2
Franklin	24,509	95,323	84,443	122,950	125,986	115,956	119,251	25.1	2.8	37.7
Grant	17,621	27,091	26,176	26,927	16,947	18,815	23,940	-11.7	27.2	25.9
Iberia	69,257	733,183	742,627	896,741	919,594	914,852	949,262	29.4	3.7	28.2
Iberville	32,981	295,764	330,831	379,999	36,010	378,580	395,836	33.8	4.5	32.9
Jackson	17,309	95,070	95,734	155,400	169,929	136,774	82,354	-13.4	-39.8	-23.3
Jefferson	476,915	7,666,076	7,651,202	8,779,878	9,003,340	9,079,246	9,205,716	20.0	1.3	37.6
Jefferson Davis	33,017	187,252	206,524	273,841	254,300	255,581	225,308	20.3	-11.9	32.5
Lafayette	169,694	3,690,740	3,782,192	4,738,316	4,249,443	4,641,656	4,213,909	14.1	-9.3	36.1
Lafourche	88,349	526,056	546,847	593,732	639,284	672,256	625,957	18.9	-6.9	21.6
Lasalle	17,697	95,385	63,378	75,864	97,476	99,960	99,765	4.5	-0.2	10.4
Lincoln	41,847	303,807	300,983	412,410	517,122	448,099	407,767	34.2	-9.1	37.4
Livingston	66,451	234,443	215,005	295,841	303,600	302,495	336,821	43.6	11.3	35.8
Madison	15,894	57,838	42,700	66,533	66,889	69,898	67,922	17.4	-2.9	53.2
Morehouse	35,183	545,988	187,014	254,163	270,598	260,150	253,079	-53.7	-2.8	36.2
Natchitoches	40,805	244,792	202,114	300,148	284,053	309,163	325,354	32.9	5.2	17.5
Orleans	567,062	9,877,115	10,350,883	12,874,774	11,413,280	11,549,567	12,407,843	25.6	7.4	31.8
Ouachita	142,300	2,185,175	2,058,589	2,687,883	2,802,118	2,745,653	3,036,974	38.9	10.6	40.0
Plaquemines	26,778	290,665	327,919	408,239	332,687	419,231	534,964	84.0	27.6	32.5
Pointe Coupee	25,091	100,430	62,534	101,418	85,374	91,187	108,412	7.9	18.8	217.5
Rapides	138,346	1,307,897	1,283,810	1,617,522	1,675,505	1,791,718	1,729,181	32.2	-3.5	45.1
Red River	11,114	34,059	30,840	40,288	44,571	41,491	45,803	34.4	10.3	21.6
Richland	22,785	103,935	87,245	135,242	124,176	136,545	128,189	23.3	-6.2	36.6
Sabine	27,139	97,032	92,026	139,067	129,249	143,529	146,765	51.2	2.2	30.7
St. Bernard	67,949	318,753	278,918	316,720	332,191	361,004	337,957	6.0	-6.4	78.9
St. Charles	41,103	333,661	379,496	533,665	437,961	407,994	367,994	10.2	-9.9	22.7
St. Helena	10,186	12,699	4,996	8,956	14,506	5,681	29,773	134.4	424.0	-46.1
St. James	21,970	91,743	123,730	151,548	120,656	144,163	134,669	46.7	-6.6	37.0
St. John	37,668	301,380	358,442	962,756	425,173	422,215	361,515	19.9	-14.4	54.0
St. Landry	87,800	508,620	536,687	591,956	564,089	587,046	585,742	15.1	-0.3	23.9
St. Martin	44,455	223,691	315,025	273,249	243,663	256,323	251,118	12.2	-2.1	44.9
St. Mary	66,950	685,580	703,355	887,957	856,541	861,445	762,523	11.2	-11.5	43.0
St. Tammany	128,130	997,936	891,470	1,218,894	1,173,155	1,242,372	1,269,667	27.2	2.1	27.5
Tangipahoa	87,863	565,745	520,223	611,437	633,906	665,693	703,378	24.3	5.6	33.1
Tensas	8,244	26,541	11,572	26,776	31,284	22,621	31,856	20.0	40.8	42.8
Terrebonne	102,038	1,153,024	1,098,498	1,330,676	1,304,735	1,277,734	1,409,933	22.2	10.3	37.3
Union	21,734	66,468	41,764	108,351	79,576	88,915	96,342	44.9	8.3	43.9
Vermillion	52,445	275,680	297,387	409,917	344,397	375,665	352,804	27.9	-6.1	28.0
Vernon	61,275	235,559	184,238	261,093	259,323	273,291	285,181	21.0	4.3	31.5
Washington	45,765	184,090	163,971	204,001	213,242	214,977	231,020	25.4	7.4	32.8
Webster	45,205	554,205	240,500	303,831	336,212	320,234	340,485	-38.6	6.3	25.1
West Baton Rouge	20,168	190,347	160,251	150,535	138,874	157,324	166,920	-12.4	6.0	-21.9
West Carroll	13,267	77,579	42,459	54,947	50,095	55,621	53,250	-31.4	-4.3	18.5
West Feliciana	13,269	175,404	227,562	249,105	243,228	243,001	295,120	68.2	21.4	22.8
Winn	17,575	82,023	98,910	118,897	103,815	112,405	109,128	33.0	-3.0	38.0
Out Of State		22,200,538	20,286,536	26,980,914	25,269,431	24,787,131	28,790,847	29.6	16.1	38.7
Invalid		0	2	0	106	157	158	0.0	0.6	205.4
Total Sales Tax	437,847	74,128,818	72,477,190	91,894,305	86,926,564	87,957,943	92,870,382	25.2	5.5	-92.4

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Commodity

Per Cent Change

■ State Sales Taxes by Commodity	Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Grocery Stores	2,855,771	3,034,064	3,387,045	3,235,387	3,379,051	3,486,643	22.0	3.1	50.7
Fruit & Vegetable Stores	92,359	89,014	119,555	119,696	118,915	99,640	7.8	-16.3	11.8
Meat & Seafood Stores	315,089	352,029	414,779	354,094	412,468	344,048	9.1	-16.6	29.3
Restaurants & Cafes	2,956,070	3,262,421	3,736,917	3,507,583	3,584,801	3,756,726	27.0	4.7	38.0
Saloons, Bars, Package Liquors	2,382,406	2,700,789	2,595,269	2,984,791	3,517,152	3,011,110	26.3	-14.4	32.0
Dairy, Egg, Poultry	198,202	161,721	194,700	177,139	211,012	210,864	6.3	-0.1	14.2
Bakeries	72,136	69,214	76,759	81,711	86,283	67,705	-6.2	-21.6	44.3
Chain Stores (Food)	526,842	496,461	543,086	557,453	523,843	547,900	3.9	4.5	13.5
Other Foods	1,628,847	1,455,920	1,757,445	1,614,840	1,717,633	1,802,628	10.6	4.9	38.8
Men and Boy's Clothing	262,499	251,228	339,353	336,237	386,602	378,009	44.0	-2.3	31.6
Women's Ready To Wear	558,418	588,053	976,880	1,048,638	826,253	719,039	28.7	-13.0	40.9
Millinery	524,910	458,328	831,261	667,449	612,241	713,426	35.9	16.5	42.0
Shoe Stores	560,380	581,351	850,556	921,569	769,022	736,398	31.4	-4.3	33.2
Salvage Clothing	4,950	5,932	7,736	5,679	6,005	6,677	34.8	11.1	35.5
Children's Clothing	35,267	45,328	78,212	58,696	44,259	44,917	27.3	1.4	38.6
Chain Stores (Clothing)	96	224	46	507	947	2,669	2,680.2	181.8	19.5
Other Apparel	652,337	663,309	991,510	944,420	913,296	879,309	34.7	-3.8	42.7
Department Stores	2,607,809	2,430,679	3,581,559	3,289,653	3,439,480	3,406,530	30.6	-1.0	39.2
Country & Farm Stores	5,488	8,247	6,982	14,197	11,827	11,721	113.5	-0.9	64.4
Variety Stores	2,342,347	1,849,559	2,502,271	2,618,489	2,511,118	2,487,138	6.1	-1.0	40.1
Drug Stores	939,235	1,385,465	1,346,063	1,383,659	1,387,614	1,355,395	44.3	-2.4	42.0
Jewelry, Leather, Sporting Goods	1,154,501	952,204	1,179,075	1,161,811	1,313,501	1,286,235	11.4	-2.1	10.8
Feed & Seed	125,315	157,653	226,221	227,673	214,172	169,188	35.0	-21.1	30.6
Hardware Stores	1,163,043	1,181,562	1,492,518	1,449,905	1,542,911	1,480,657	27.3	-4.1	26.6
Farm Implement Dealers	662,843	578,518	1,297,739	843,257	848,755	741,569	11.8	-12.7	40.1
Chain Stores (General)	1,734,411	1,818,221	2,169,410	2,213,718	2,492,282	2,225,136	28.2	-10.8	28.6
Other General Merchandise	1,037,277	884,719	1,242,284	1,314,242	1,226,537	1,269,160	22.3	3.4	38.9
Motor Vehicle Dealers	675,811	844,868	922,894	952,046	1,059,661	1,047,685	55.0	-1.2	35.1
Auto Parts, Tires	2,040,314	2,047,015	2,509,379	2,802,424	2,488,455	2,771,553	35.8	11.3	31.4
Service Stations	1,398,846	902,684	914,211	957,593	790,107	1,188,633	-15.1	50.4	30.8
Garages, Repair Shops	979,636	955,251	1,267,405	1,166,565	1,128,217	1,252,375	27.8	11.0	35.3
Diesel Fuel, Fuel Oil	62,890	62,001	82,178	82,127	78,779	77,589	23.3	-1.6	-11.6
Marine Supplies	172,835	181,738	189,845	190,283	181,757	183,683	6.2	1.0	38.2
Motor Boats	140,137	76,678	191,382	160,260	171,158	158,902	13.3	-7.2	29.8
Aircraft	38,339	45,242	46,294	40,570	46,963	37,374	-2.6	-20.5	10.1
Chain Stores (Auto)	721,887	690,791	764,509	805,998	515,843	793,637	9.9	53.8	12.4
Other Automotive	100,613	115,831	140,211	149,790	141,654	83,492	-17.1	-41.1	50.8
Furniture Stores	694,953	711,423	855,473	786,908	895,889	913,391	31.4	1.9	28.2
Electric & Gas App	1,334,189	1,221,391	1,664,364	1,508,302	1,948,883	1,864,265	39.7	-4.4	37.0
Butane Dealers	691,836	608,857	672,043	751,666	745,360	697,729	0.8	-6.4	8.2
Store, Office Furniture	1,316,858	1,515,802	1,513,153	1,601,336	1,737,689	1,668,735	26.7	-4.0	41.9
Hotel, Restaurant Supplies	210,388	252,164	305,361	299,525	310,725	294,130	39.8	-5.4	37.3
Awnings, Blinds, Upholstery	360,679	328,512	376,211	337,559	365,828	432,886	20.0	18.3	30.5
Dental, Medical Supplies	393,039	448,051	560,498	458,695	604,331	682,659	73.6	12.9	45.1
Safes, Locks	37,160	35,808	50,053	45,245	40,234	44,483	19.7	10.5	30.2
Chain Stores (Furniture)	549	1,063	2,620	957	181	2,168	294.8	1,097.7	30.3
Other Furniture	353,101	326,602	370,837	363,603	367,188	377,501	6.9	2.8	28.2
Bldg Contractors, Construction	183,701	853,280	200,274	297,809	333,117	240,284	30.8	-27.9	48.0
Lumber, Paint, Wallpaper Stores	4,242,791	3,420,610	4,678,198	4,988,106	4,796,241	4,774,166	12.5	-0.5	17.4
Electric, Plumbing, Elevators	2,737,445	3,077,013	4,187,067	3,464,468	3,390,246	3,465,979	26.6	2.2	39.9
Oil Well Equipment	2,520,055	2,811,520	3,698,399	2,874,627	2,936,982	3,768,425	49.5	28.3	41.8
Contractors (Elect)	239,981	220,533	262,500	276,111	287,294	303,169	26.3	5.5	28.0
Contractors (Paint)	20,458	15,753	18,576	27,083	19,003	22,850	11.6	20.2	56.6
Contractors (Roofing)	55,255	42,669	46,299	33,456	40,047	35,222	-36.3	-12.1	10.7
Trucks, Dragline, Etc.	2,127,886	1,572,440	2,365,392	2,089,537	1,842,015	2,290,390	7.6	24.3	38.2
Chain Stores (Lumber)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	na
Other Contractors	403,299	333,421	383,474	411,946	701,173	392,104	-2.8	-44.1	10.1
Hotels, Motels, Etc.	1,153,570	1,191,985	1,771,001	1,523,443	1,468,514	1,844,755	42.5	12.0	70.9
Leasing, Renting	2,487,827	2,286,647	3,039,412	2,748,935	2,518,970	3,747,484	50.6	48.7	37.1
Bowling, Billiards	16,198	23,538	28,664	27,625	18,476	20,233	24.9	9.5	67.9
Laundry, Tailoring	294,505	390,636	413,564	402,641	403,286	430,227	46.0	6.6	33.5
Newspapers, Printing	777,897	964,376	961,691	923,938	932,504	1,014,402	30.4	8.7	41.9
Cotton Gins, Etc.	1,099	2,010	1,989	2,008	2,351	1,915	74.2	-18.6	130.6
Warehouses	35,172	34,451	57,441	51,646	51,494	53,879	53.1	4.6	14.2
Shoe Repair, Shine	16,998	15,673	24,702	16,376	18,075	21,053	23.8	16.4	37.2

Louisiana State Sales Tax Collections By Commodity

Per Cent Change

							Latest Month		Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
							Same Month Prior Year	Prior Month	
•	Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85			
Machine Shops, Welding	627,051	551,832	837,182	698,297	687,467	798,864	27.4	*16.2*	25.2
Other Service Groups	731,703	553,928	758,430	662,624	752,614	832,984	13.8	*10.6*	34.3
Beverage Bottlers	485,571	445,040	540,196	605,950	691,199	588,384	21.1	*-14.9*	32.9
Sugar Refineries	9,751	1,660	2,916	1,537	1,870	556	-94.3	*-70.3*	-27.2
Petroleum, Natural Gas	137,204	207,044	242,293	203,917	271,516	271,514	97.8	*-0.1*	-63.9
Petroleum Refineries	298,088	360,937	465,423	548,402	479,397	660,953	121.7	*37.8*	31.3
Sawmills, Sash & Door	13,729	11,599	36,499	43,395	21,231	23,130	68.4	*8.9*	135.8
Sand & Gravel	326,947	230,847	366,222	322,563	322,400	372,622	13.9	*15.5*	5.9
Rice Mills	1,150	625	3,620	568	646	2,080	80.8	*221.9*	-45.2
Cotton Seed Oil	2,837	3,392	4,014	6,463	3,876	4,517	59.2	*16.5*	73.1
Ice Manufacture	31,316	11,602	15,974	22,159	32,696	40,126	28.1	*22.7*	24.7
Other Manufacturers	5,186,858	5,607,526	8,788,282	6,200,494	6,443,148	7,263,883	40.0	*12.7*	27.9
Railroads	0	0	32	0	0	306	0.0	*0.0*	239.6
Bus Lines, Etc.	16,191	264	460	83	80	55	-99.7	*-31.3*	12.0
Pullman, Tank Cars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	*0.0*	na
Trucking, Freight, Etc.	1,488	3,253	1,377	1,794	1,675	1,192	-19.9	*-28.9*	89.8
Fire Protection	27,082	27,806	35,801	37,429	28,300	37,705	39.2	*33.2*	41.6
Pipelines	910	141	2,233	4,965	3,288	1,242	36.4	*-62.3*	30.4
Light, Power, Gas	92,092	65,172	74,680	82,502	93,869	89,806	-2.5	*-4.4*	5.0
Telephone, Telegraph	9,766	11,172	16,402	18,255	22,050	26,303	169.3	*19.2*	121.1
Other Utilities	141,875	38,297	72,292	60,213	39,290	40,179	-71.7	*2.2*	-17.7
Book Stores, Etc.	389,800	353,799	407,869	348,465	369,103	403,320	3.4	*9.2*	32.9
Itinerant Vendors	9,618	6,135	9,754	6,150	8,646	9,862	2.5	*14.0*	12.4
Piano, Musical Instruments	276,238	356,677	308,716	301,304	289,235	296,387	7.2	*2.4*	21.9
Iron, Sheet Metal, Etc.	59,817	59,104	78,483	63,255	62,894	57,777	-3.5	*-8.2*	35.5
Photo Studios	295,697	253,042	309,134	298,004	320,951	314,675	6.4	*-2.0*	30.2
Cigar Stores, News	575,027	617,942	654,431	691,636	721,999	659,894	14.7	*-8.7*	36.8
Florists, Nurseries	288,325	316,907	431,151	439,865	402,728	322,550	11.8	*-20.0*	36.8
Funeral Parlors	122,585	157,783	171,825	155,463	136,696	156,998	28.0	*14.8*	37.1
Fishing Bait	148,977	131,675	155,310	175,774	161,189	177,550	19.1	*10.1*	16.8
Miscellaneous	7,947,133	7,644,575	9,084,816	9,736,289	9,789,292	10,849,059	36.5	*10.8*	56.2
Common Carriers	261,924	281,181	443,424	325,298	221,085	415,534	58.6	*87.9*	31.5
Others	83,048	75,691	92,267	109,754	100,842	110,532	33.0	*9.6*	35.8
Total Sales Tax	73,036,843	72,477,188	91,894,303	86,926,567	87,957,942	92,870,382	27.1	*5.5*	-92.5

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections • Parish Governing Authority Per Cent Change

■ Police Juries	Population	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Acadia	59,422	256,600	270,415	249,923	254,980	na	0	-100.0	*-100.0*	na
Ascension	56,291	220,095	319,497	259,369	255,190	386,947	211,784	-3.8	*-45.3*	17.8
Assumption	23,757	87,918	120,291	97,212	114,250	86,575	91,338	3.8	*5.5*	-4.2
Caldwell	10,911	49,942	55,842	36,118	54,677	38,024	45,031	-9.9	*18.4*	6.0
Catahoula	12,484	76,208	67,028	103,986	92,104	101,110	89,837	17.8	*-11.2*	7.0
Claiborne	18,523	na	na	na	na	na	7,649	na	*-176.4*	na
Concordia	23,582	59,128	50,644	47,673	58,161	72,828	53,728	-9.2	*-26.3*	-6.4
E Baton Rouge	391,975	5,755,152	6,305,216	5,727,035	5,969,862	5,824,843	5,863,775	1.8	*0.6*	3.5
Iberville	33,336	316,019	294,987	305,211	275,003	284,341	355,052	12.3	*24.8*	-10.3
Jefferson	477,213	5,703,838	8,476,295	8,524,445	9,005,583	8,964,730	8,577,537	50.3	*-4.4*	58.7
Lafayette	170,377	299,260	601,397	321,119	292,146	286,226	319,096	6.6	*11.4*	-2.0
Lafourche	88,111	183,748	180,578	178,781	153,578	196,720	163,174	-11.2	*-17.1*	-2.0
Lincoln	42,585	152,076	154,069	152,736	165,380	146,732	158,345	4.1	*7.9*	9.9
Madison	15,776	24,582	25,162	19,452	31,566	17,009	0	-100.0	*-100.0*	-5.5
Morehouse	35,183	na	na	na	21,845	70,188	69,927	na	*-0.4*	na
Ouachita	142,822	243,310	298,675	303,143	289,948	322,935	275,781	13.3	*-14.7*	15.4
Plaquemine	26,755	468,000	323,205	339,796	306,532	339,803	319,899	-31.7	*-5.9*	-8.3
Pointe Coupee	25,266	105,843	138,715	209,446	103,639	122,531	75,797	-28.4	*-38.2*	-38.4
Rapides	138,692	777,551	820,729	776,545	794,967	850,515	775,468	-0.3	*-8.9*	0.8
Red River	11,005	38,445	40,962	42,180	43,683	42,149	36,547	-5.0	*-13.3*	0.6
St Bernard	67,796	668,179	567,332	484,441	593,690	na	0	-100.0	*-100.0*	na
St Charles	42,075	354,607	400,398	385,235	461,785	342,347	416,205	17.3	*21.5*	12.6
St Helena	10,186	29,240	25,676	29,359	12,561	30,569	33,650	15.0	*10.0*	na
St James	22,334	187,796	156,897	125,573	144,368	154,258	136,821	-27.2	*-11.4*	-38.7
St Mary	66,222	803,550	1,097,918	834,521	901,640	976,864	0	-100.0	*-100.0*	3.6
St Mary	66,222	27,355	57,052	36,350	35,974	51,793	0	-100.0	*-100.0*	18.5
St Mary	66,222	26,988	21,664	36,350	33,326	30,679	0	-100.0	*-100.0*	0.1
Tensas	8,215	26,517	25,894	26,987	30,188	31,245	0	-100.0	*-100.0*	2.3
Terrebonne	101,319	1,016,480	1,071,232	972,572	977,844	1,011,991	950,346	-6.6	*-6.1*	2.5
Vermillion	52,773	349,682	324,419	339,533	408,856	301,279	286,599	-18.1	*-4.9*	4.9
W Ascension	56,291	29,062	48,462	48,918	48,666	59,665	34,135	17.4	*-42.8*	27.3
W B Rouge	20,385	114,072	119,110	130,003	212,946	141,802	142,154	24.6	*0.2*	-24.7
Total		18,451,243	22,458,732	21,145,190	22,144,121	21,269,689	9,889,724	-46.5	*-53.6*	12.4

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections • Parish School Boards Per Cent Change

■ School Boards	Population	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Acadia	59,422	265,374	273,414	256,306	255,328	na	0	-100.0	-100.0	na
Allen	21,514	85,318	119,635	89,710	87,321	128,062	94,158	10.3	-26.5	10.8
Ascension	56,291	757,315	947,392	817,744	838,950	923,938	861,967	13.8	-6.8	7.4
Assumption	23,757	177,020	241,399	196,539	228,404	169,483	181,745	2.6	7.2	0.8
Avoyelles	43,003	171,260	228,467	220,877	214,371	222,056	162,439	-5.2	-26.9	0.9
Beauregard	31,829	174,041	173,908	177,378	160,534	206,040	176,995	1.6	-14.1	-8.0
Bienville	16,527	66,666	72,526	82,001	80,449	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-31.3
Bogalusa (d)	16,875	91,156	105,183	98,649	115,738	99,655	0	-100.0	-100.0	0.9
Bossier	89,435	736,126	770,451	692,391	763,399	882,241	832,265	13.0	-5.7	2.5
Caddo	264,758	1,817,726	1,926,285	1,903,298	1,940,131	2,022,419	2,616,516	43.9	29.3	8.2
Calcasieu	177,586	1,279,163	1,319,153	1,251,229	1,318,481	1,322,105	1,282,525	0.2	-3.0	-1.9
Caldwell	10,911	49,942	55,842	36,118	54,677	38,024	45,031	-9.9	18.4	6.0
Catahoula	12,484	49,030	50,355	42,937	56,063	na	0	-100.0	-100.0	na
Claiborne	18,523	70,460	73,341	68,021	75,406	78,043	92,200	30.8	18.1	-15.4
Concordia	23,582	115,595	134,177	120,841	143,104	125,633	114,453	-1.0	-8.9	1.1
Desoto	27,221	230,917	222,790	109,420	113,561	182,461	102,197	-55.8	-44.0	-20.4
E Baton Rouge	391,975	3,268,044	3,278,771	3,273,689	3,122,507	3,173,887	na	na	na	na
E Carroll	11,568	39,146	34,205	38,065	43,729	39,083	40,133	2.5	2.6	-1.9
E Feliciana	19,888	167,019	156,033	123,364	136,959	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-15.6
Evangeline	34,603	122,885	229,501	214,449	212,172	278,455	217,422	76.9	-22.0	35.0
Franklin	24,210	125,577	224,660	150,483	224,940	211,017	148,046	17.8	-29.9	29.9
Grant	17,779	38,333	38,437	33,780	35,384	37,461	0	-100.0	-100.0	-15.3
Iberia	69,055	658,209	727,178	736,326	756,035	700,660	661,936	0.5	-5.6	5.8
Iberville	33,336	315,996	294,988	305,207	257,003	284,353	355,053	12.3	24.8	-10.7
Jackson	17,681	179,846	151,516	154,208	183,665	110,694	173,463	-3.6	56.7	-19.1
Jeff Davis	33,536	177,144	171,884	186,305	170,271	172,323	189,996	7.2	10.2	-6.3
Jefferson	477,213	5,761,945	5,351,495	5,388,954	5,652,442	5,642,831	5,405,469	-6.2	-4.3	-0.6
Lafayette	170,377	1,555,697	1,912,413	1,642,628	1,620,002	1,572,980	na	na	na	na
Lafourche	88,111	494,469	499,518	495,828	457,062	529,214	450,810	-8.9	-14.9	-1.1
Lasalle	17,398	70,966	88,399	79,057	70,354	85,426	82,035	15.5	-4.0	0.3
Lincoln	42,585	203,024	206,674	203,648	223,372	195,870	214,777	5.7	9.6	10.6
Livingston	66,770	557,401	520,483	496,269	505,491	530,405	511,258	-8.3	-3.7	-7.7
Madison	15,776	67,000	73,000	75,000	77,000	63,000	71,000	5.9	12.6	5.2
Monroe	58,864	162,393	180,646	144,334	183,168	198,848	177,199	9.1	-10.9	5.9
Morehouse	35,178	118,815	135,942	146,811	133,901	180,841	137,250	15.5	-24.2	6.6
Natchitoches	40,253	187,443	205,847	190,588	206,351	231,258	190,235	1.4	-17.8	2.3
Orleans	566,498	5,829,525	4,096,523	4,837,551	0	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-26.3
Ouachita	142,822	264,957	294,739	235,492	298,852	324,437	289,113	9.1	-10.9	5.9
Plaquemine	26,755	468,000	323,205	339,796	306,532	339,803	319,899	-31.7	-5.9	-8.3
Pointe Coupee	25,266	88,821	121,983	191,859	86,400	103,574	75,797	-14.7	-26.9	-43.2
Red River	11,005	41,747	35,477	50,392	40,318	37,254	45,844	9.8	23.0	4.2
Richland	22,904	135,302	42,152	253,855	144,175	113,171	132,138	-2.4	16.7	10.2
Sabine	27,335	105,897	112,516	118,467	117,280	115,896	110,344	4.1	-4.8	1.5
St Bernard	67,796	668,179	567,332	484,441	593,690	na	0	-100.0	-100.0	na
St Charles	42,075	712,436	804,707	782,750	939,561	700,682	855,497	20.0	22.0	12.2
St Helena	10,397	29,240	31,206	21,738	21,448	46,677	50,163	71.5	7.4	-3.3
St James	22,334	445,607	365,460	305,910	339,435	363,405	325,905	-26.9	-10.4	-35.7
St John	39,051	499,754	502,705	505,702	500,702	500,966	504,375	0.9	0.6	0.8
St Landry	88,716	326,550	371,244	395,826	374,597	395,118	377,238	15.5	-4.6	-2.8
St Martin	45,037	341,823	362,525	335,435	414,050	388,822	300,050	-12.3	-22.9	73.6
St Mary	66,222	555,981	599,618	453,054	489,489	530,329	0	-100.0	-100.0	1.0
St Tammany	132,048	1,513,266	1,323,879	1,795,432	1,333,576	1,822,355	1,714,512	13.2	-6.0	9.2
Tangipahoa	88,958	836,165	848,313	849,429	833,192	921,788	860,119	2.8	-6.7	15.2
Tensas	6,215	36,990	32,588	36,365	35,660	39,889	33,525	-9.4	-16.0	7.5
Terrebonne	101,319	609,888	642,739	583,543	586,706	607,194	570,208	-6.6	-6.1	3.3
Union	21,980	76,383	74,487	73,790	69,224	88,421	66,637	-12.8	-24.7	7.0
Vermillion	52,773	349,682	324,419	339,540	408,864	301,286	286,606	-18.1	-4.9	4.9
Vernon	60,806	200,264	202,135	187,907	179,126	165,336	137,978	-31.2	-16.6	2.3
Washington	47,168	124,623	138,939	165,385	162,214	160,799	193,224	55.0	20.1	8.8
Webster	45,352	217,395	216,310	207,503	150,000	308,793	209,333	-3.8	-32.3	3.6
W B Rouge	20,385	114,072	119,103	130,003	212,945	141,801	0	-100.0	-100.0	-33.2
W Carroll	13,093	42,410	52,160	52,330	48,762	na	0	-100.0	-100.0	na
W Feliciana	13,806	162,818	350,469	na	0	0	0	-100.0	0.0	na
Winn	17,362	102,586	89,236	81,463	79,138	87,966	80,085	-22.0	-9.0	-0.5
Total		35,308,822	34,242,077	34,057,410	29,483,661	26,997,737	12,022,072	-66.0	-55.5	-8.8

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Abbeville	12,611	85,735	90,435	92,661	90,316	107,242	88,722	3.4	-17.3	5.3
Abita Springs	1,225	6,090	4,640	2,444	3,768	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-18.5
Albany	855	4,119	4,130	4,414	5,301	6,651	4,166	1.1	-37.4	39.4
Alexandria	52,371	448,964	481,471	442,131	466,299	478,163	440,438	-1.9	-7.9	1.7
Amite City	4,429	65,556	71,202	66,747	64,723	72,750	66,833	1.9	-8.2	-1.6
Angie	325	1,154	1,152	1,395	1,848	2,039	0	-100.0	-100.0	95.0
Arcadia	3,534	17,857	18,280	16,830	17,849	21,494	18,808	5.3	-12.5	-0.9
Arnaudville	1,745	15,889	14,208	16,955	13,714	15,104	15,129	-4.8	0.1	0.6
Baker	13,943	145,129	134,977	125,909	144,864	132,767	123,024	-15.3	-7.4	-3.2
Basile	2,718	8,123	10,192	7,267	9,897	8,691	8,453	4.0	-2.8	6.6
Bastrop	15,258	98,632	106,739	114,622	121,262	147,650	164,492	66.7	11.4	8.7
Benton	2,062	9,210	4,350	6,677	7,548	6,167	7,499	-18.6	21.5	na
Bernice	2,101	6,975	8,138	6,876	7,248	13,123	7,507	7.6	-42.8	15.7
Bogalusa	16,875	254,792	265,850	268,958	261,173	273,090	275,735	8.2	0.9	5.6
Bonita	504	1,456	1,557	1,220	1,518	na	0	-100.0	-100.0	na
Bossier City	54,407	584,027	572,484	546,658	616,576	667,554	665,388	13.9	-0.4	4.5
Breaux Bridge	6,444	40,000	41,976	39,393	40,596	39,445	38,161	-4.6	-3.3	2.6
Broussard	3,567	25,738	39,034	57,388	39,740	41,963	50,056	94.4	19.2	50.5
Bunkie	5,321	47,657	47,210	45,322	45,022	48,415	47,420	-0.5	-2.1	-2.2
Campti	1,278	na	na	na	0	0	0	na	0.0	na
Cankton	335	729	565	801	816	556	682	-6.5	22.6	6.0
Carencro	4,137	37,396	36,025	35,333	38,219	32,898	38,773	3.6	17.8	3.9
Church Point	4,724	18,421	22,674	19,715	19,961	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-15.6
Colfax	1,714	11,795	13,942	13,290	12,476	13,743	0	-100.0	-100.0	-10.3
Columbia	681	9,501	9,677	10,647	9,528	9,176	9,018	-5.1	-1.8	4.6
Cotton Valley	1,493	2,500	2,520	2,500	3,450	3,700	0	-100.0	-100.0	6.1
Cottonport	2,129	7,233	6,670	7,408	7,489	7,977	7,076	-2.2	-11.3	-5.6
Coushatta	2,214	21,806	22,984	18,058	23,116	21,292	17,078	-21.7	-19.8	8.1
Covington	8,449	165,532	173,050	184,266	173,935	185,495	189,143	14.2	1.9	12.1
Crowley	16,218	182,186	170,059	167,921	171,099	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-15.8
Cullen	1,855	3,476	3,451	4,309	3,412	3,403	3,266	-6.1	-4.1	8.9
Delcambre	2,277	8,239	9,448	8,852	9,973	na	0	-100.0	-100.0	na
Delhi	3,371	9,982	11,082	9,929	11,167	9,160	9,770	-2.2	6.6	4.8
Delta	317	238	290	603	194	857	249	4.6	-71.0	-23.0
Denham Sprgs	8,975	117,395	111,959	104,753	103,916	107,054	109,701	-6.6	2.4	-0.7
Dequincy	4,106	35,733	41,679	37,024	40,733	45,870	31,335	-12.4	-31.7	19.0
DeRidder	11,316	84,384	84,656	89,606	81,121	79,960	88,368	4.7	10.5	5.1
Dixie Inn	498	4,849	5,307	3,735	7,079	5,827	3,886	-19.9	-33.4	3.8
Donaldsonville	8,098	67,450	64,276	58,475	63,641	76,940	54,849	-18.7	-28.8	-1.7
Dubach	1,209	2,077	1,931	1,668	3,076	2,197	1,273	-38.8	-42.1	21.4
Duson	1,386	14,999	16,041	13,771	18,459	16,947	17,625	17.5	4.0	12.5
Elizabeth	458	992	716	1,748	1,047	1,087	0	-100.0	-100.0	-18.8
Elton	1,441	3,825	4,651	2,657	3,825	5,139	0	-100.0	-100.0	-9.9
Erath	2,347	9,291	10,758	9,345	11,391	9,624	9,483	2.0	-1.5	-2.2
Estherwood	761	717	783	1,209	1,123	na	0	-100.0	-100.0	na
Eunice	12,684	157,196	164,407	146,803	162,265	160,800	0	-100.0	-100.0	-8.1
Farmerville	4,086	24,751	25,498	24,907	24,725	27,018	22,708	-8.3	-16.0	1.8
Ferriday	4,463	32,183	29,729	28,387	27,305	30,318	30,024	-6.8	-1.0	-6.9
Florien (Estimated)	969	5,000	5,000	948	0	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-31.8
Folsom	364	3,785	3,266	3,065	3,365	3,549	2,410	-36.4	-32.1	-7.5
Franklinton	4,245	36,461	38,158	34,628	37,827	38,140	36,505	0.1	-4.3	-2.1
Gibsland	1,354	2,397	2,618	2,247	1,907	1,911	2,166	-9.7	13.3	35.9
Gilbert	800	1,712	1,695	1,594	1,762	1,380	0	-100.0	-100.0	-4.7
Glenmora	1,464	3,427	4,288	3,630	3,802	4,610	4,492	31.0	-2.6	1.9
Gold Meadow	2,373	11,480	11,161	9,874	11,002	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-8.7
Gonzales	7,739	117,280	118,498	108,343	111,643	115,111	107,561	-8.3	-6.6	-3.0
Grambling	5,633	3,540	4,161	3,113	7,549	0	0	-100.0	0.0	-12.1
Gramercy	3,503	15,087	16,011	16,843	14,854	15,741	16,151	7.0	2.6	-0.6
Grand Coteau	1,178	2,673	2,640	3,245	2,505	3,290	2,211	-17.3	-32.8	-9.9
Greensburg	690	2,757	3,373	5,350	4,083	4,343	0	-100.0	-100.0	2.2
Gueydan	1,726	7,249	9,998	8,908	10,524	9,694	7,640	5.3	-21.2	14.2
Hall Summit	284	548	506	806	373	367	0	-100.0	-100.0	-2.1
Hammond	16,257	365,734	410,844	348,356	427,387	400,606	349,499	-4.5	-12.8	3.7
Haughton	1,867	6,077	7,344	5,322	6,312	7,084	5,683	-6.5	-19.8	44.8

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Haynesville	3,547	13,335	16,347	14,264	18,930	12,756	14,704	10.2	*15.2*	2.7
Henderson	1,788	3,991	4,034	4,620	8,577	4,088	6,415	60.7	*56.9*	-3.2
Hodge	703	3,500	na	na	0	0	0	-100.0	*0.0*	na
Homer	4,530	27,839	23,744	28,327	27,359	18,891	0	-100.0	*-100.0*	-17.0
Independence	1,744	12,329	13,343	16,473	12,063	13,393	10,614	-14.0	*-20.8*	8.7
Iota	1,332	4,460	5,137	4,275	4,239	na	0	-100.0	*-100.0*	na
Iowa	2,596	9,563	14,058	7,311	10,861	11,120	7,546	-21.1	*-32.2*	-0.8
Jeanerette	7,024	27,405	36,222	32,646	45,986	39,141	33,764	23.2	*-13.8*	11.0
Jennings	12,747	83,084	74,843	84,780	85,574	0	0	-100.0	*0.0*	-18.2
Jonesboro	5,130	60,886	61,345	60,748	61,868	62,847	54,377	-10.7	*-13.5*	1.4
Kaplan	5,176	24,813	31,067	25,675	26,870	29,371	24,977	0.6	*-15.0*	3.6
Kentwood	2,720	27,440	33,952	28,655	35,194	34,854	35,658	29.9	*2.3*	80.5
Kinder	2,642	17,220	16,668	15,871	17,672	17,427	17,734	2.9	*1.7*	5.3
Krotz Springs	1,478	5,399	5,766	4,951	6,350	6,862	5,697	5.5	*-17.0*	-39.3
Lafayette	91,485	1,154,460	1,197,833	1,180,745	1,206,478	1,169,052	2,397,268	107.6	*105.0*	13.4
Lake Arthur	3,644	20,709	24,608	21,531	18,767	25,258	21,551	4.0	*-14.7*	-1.4
Lake Charles	77,074	626,389	634,995	612,687	614,140	630,123	644,197	2.8	*2.2*	-0.3
L Providence	6,361	17,800	17,800	16,550	18,894	18,369	0	-100.0	*-100.0*	-13.0
Leesville	9,277	81,889	85,009	86,850	91,523	87,477	0	-100.0	*-100.0*	-7.7
Livingston	1,331	6,147	9,090	4,222	6,236	8,597	5,035	-18.1	*-41.5*	13.9
Lockport	2,510	13,933	14,664	12,723	12,337	15,322	6,898	-50.5	*-55.0*	-1.0
Logansport	1,651	10,598	9,671	8,147	8,081	9,998	0	-100.0	*-100.0*	-3.8
Loreauville	981	3,471	3,888	3,690	4,100	3,522	4,224	21.6	*19.9*	12.5
Lutcher	5,144	9,923	9,823	10,454	10,495	11,703	9,905	-0.2	*-15.4*	-5.6
Madisonville	818	4,276	3,280	3,282	5,235	5,285	4,007	-6.3	*-24.2*	-5.0
Mamou	3,244	14,278	16,159	16,273	10,289	22,018	13,243	-7.3	*-39.9*	-0.9
Mandeville	7,794	95,204	81,872	84,045	79,544	83,209	82,777	-13.1	*-0.6*	8.4
Mangham	898	2,556	3,479	1,459	2,365	2,388	0	-100.0	*-100.0*	-18.2
Mansfield	6,496	43,803	60,838	36,658	49,577	47,494	39,042	-10.9	*-17.8*	4.3
Many	3,998	39,319	45,681	41,690	43,454	45,715	39,285	-0.1	*-14.1*	2.5
Marksville	5,427	41,693	55,649	52,173	55,224	56,311	51,743	24.1	*-8.2*	13.6
Maurice	559	3,030	3,730	3,070	3,210	4,180	3,210	5.9	*-23.3*	0.0
Melville	1,799	3,975	5,894	4,130	4,643	4,004	4,251	6.9	*6.1*	2.5
Mer Rouge	835	4,896	5,869	5,708	5,557	4,937	6,431	31.3	*30.2*	5.4
Mermentau	769	1,526	1,173	1,040	1,099	na	0	-100.0	*-100.0*	na
Merryville	1,270	2,024	2,753	2,569	3,234	2,799	1,997	-1.4	*-28.7*	11.5
Minden	15,150	94,563	193,310	185,863	187,839	196,642	178,762	89.0	*-9.1*	65.6
Monroe	58,864	1,082,313	1,135,029	1,163,265	1,183,583	1,273,356	1,196,502	10.7	*-5.9*	4.7
Mooringsport	911	2,038	1,632	1,868	1,452	1,943	1,242	-39.1	*-36.1*	104.8
Moreauville	1,008	2,958	3,048	2,636	3,067	3,067	2,580	-13.5	*-16.6*	-4.8
Morgan City	16,103	46,028	41,929	43,898	46,893	0	0	-100.0	*0.0*	-13.7
Morganza	880	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	*na*	na
Morse	863	2,326	1,521	1,857	1,712	1,778	2,156	-7.4	*21.2*	4.3
Napoleonville	851	4,958	6,787	5,098	4,991	7,152	4,462	-10.1	*-37.7*	-1.1
Natchitoches	17,211	231,035	228,468	220,729	226,343	254,235	222,399	-3.8	*-12.6*	-0.6
New Iberia	34,379	357,692	381,964	373,384	368,928	407,191	352,004	-1.6	*-13.6*	5.0
New Llano	2,347	5,076	4,762	4,294	4,455	5,292	4,381	-13.7	*-17.3*	-19.3
New Orleans	566,498	13,602,403	10,343,751	10,714,734	0	0	0	-100.0	*0.0*	-23.5
New Roads	5,448	36,568	39,786	37,921	39,441	40,387	34,380	-6.0	*-14.9*	4.4
Oak Grove	2,242	21,620	20,792	24,250	21,920	23,844	20,692	-4.3	*-13.3*	4.1
Oakdale	7,372	26,553	34,391	30,866	29,935	32,003	29,407	10.7	*-8.2*	6.3
Oberlin	1,792	5,834	7,389	4,646	10,182	5,130	7,190	23.2	*40.1*	16.6
Oil City	1,586	10,115	24,170	8,653	13,197	9,900	17,897	76.9	*80.7*	25.0
Opelousas	19,442	240,713	259,817	245,716	249,658	251,486	227,100	-5.7	*-9.7*	-2.4
Pearl River	1,942	5,922	8,153	5,557	5,984	6,139	3,708	-37.4	*-39.6*	21.0
Pine Prairie	787	3,783	3,945	5,977	2,840	5,093	3,853	1.8	*-24.4*	17.1
Pineville	12,730	72,256	83,453	88,589	87,090	93,790	79,709	10.3	*-15.1*	14.3
Plain Dealing	1,231	10,172	7,053	6,527	7,664	6,704	4,981	-51.1	*-25.8*	-4.3
Plaucheville	190	808	812	593	613	689	575	-28.9	*-16.6*	-6.2
Pleasant Hill	876	1,669	661	855	0	0	0	-100.0	*0.0*	-45.6
Pollock	467	1,073	999	1,446	796	1,321	0	-100.0	*-100.0*	-7.2
Ponchatoula	5,559	66,038	68,270	69,046	63,387	82,608	57,365	-13.2	*-30.6*	-0.7
Port Allen	6,264	30,260	222	1,497	0	0	0	-100.0	*0.0*	-44.8
Port Barre	2,872	9,661	8,099	11,239	0	0	0	-100.0	*0.0*	-17.8

Louisiana Local Sales Tax Collections • Cities & Towns — Per Cent Change

Cities & Towns	Population	Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
Rayne	9,251	62,078	61,810	70,139	71,796	76,968	65,882	6.1	-14.5	2.1
Rayville	4,715	49,049	44,748	45,018	44,480	49,049	46,401	-5.4	-5.4	3.5
Richmond	496	3,007	2,304	2,679	2,406	2,341	1,720	-42.9	-26.6	-1.3
Ringold	1,728	4,421	6,782	4,888	7,890	6,722	na	na	na	na
Roseland	1,343	6,109	5,543	5,034	6,001	5,836	5,129	-16.1	-12.2	4.8
Rosepine	1,022	1,801	2,616	1,304	2,018	1,786	2,391	32.7	33.8	12.0
Sarepta	849	1,451	953	1,021	1,630	1,017	0	-100.0	-100.0	-14.8
Scott	3,863	54,982	45,611	61,451	56,746	59,162	58,312	6.0	-1.5	47.9
Shreveport	209,916	3,070,042	3,282,425	3,225,574	3,319,968	3,325,267	2,919,415	-5.0	-12.3	17.0
Sibley	1,227	809	944	1,510	928	1,413	1,659	105.0	17.4	19.7
Simmesport	2,319	7,262	8,603	7,565	8,097	8,270	8,368	15.2	1.1	3.6
Slidell	27,246	245,474	242,342	248,600	257,900	311,391	249,163	1.5	-20.0	8.1
Sorrento	1,370	2,266	2,094	2,713	2,062	2,413	2,918	28.7	20.9	-6.8
Springfield	458	2,647	4,164	3,157	4,007	3,523	3,898	47.2	10.6	33.0
Springhill	6,521	46,902	42,428	42,647	40,273	46,745	35,794	-23.7	-23.5	-4.1
St Francisville	1,634	18,554	20,027	17,553	17,787	28,225	15,587	-16.0	-44.8	2.3
St Martinville	8,144	30,952	32,997	33,372	35,131	34,670	30,381	-1.9	-12.4	3.3
Sterlington	1,451	5,145	5,616	6,262	8,610	5,795	5,842	13.5	0.8	52.8
Sulphur	20,472	252,346	232,413	242,676	260,310	239,083	261,597	3.6	9.4	2.0
Sun	506	1,138	1,100	1,116	1,093	498	0	-100.0	-100.0	-27.9
Sunset	2,796	6,441	12,796	9,603	8,348	7,961	6,935	7.6	-12.9	14.4
Tallulah	11,394	28,438	21,533	25,194	27,390	28,971	24,824	-12.8	-14.4	-4.8
Tangipahoa	499	1,639	1,335	1,379	3,144	2,775	2,740	67.1	-1.3	23.5
Thibodaux	16,122	220,405	246,716	219,078	216,226	239,777	207,921	-5.7	-13.3	1.2
Tickfaw	611	3,235	3,013	2,108	3,019	5,339	0	-100.0	-100.0	83.0
Vidalia	6,062	34,395	37,445	35,214	47,321	42,147	38,089	10.7	-9.7	24.9
Parks	541	4,341	4,086	4,176	4,338	4,943	5,436	25.2	9.9	4.4
Ville Platte	9,260	89,802	88,198	91,092	74,538	101,920	76,898	-14.4	-24.6	37.0
Vinton	3,757	24,129	26,218	23,135	21,945	23,622	17,880	-25.9	-24.4	-1.8
Vivian	4,400	28,159	31,427	25,589	35,467	37,174	28,442	1.0	-23.5	10.8
Walker	3,371	10,023	32,714	21,861	17,120	na	0	-100.0	-100.0	na
Washington	1,338	3,417	4,993	4,238	4,176	4,010	3,803	11.2	-5.2	2.8
Welsh	3,656	19,218	17,304	15,002	19,856	17,237	14,148	-26.4	-18.0	-1.2
W Monroe	15,099	246,176	265,832	257,733	273,095	272,727	238,811	-3.0	-12.5	4.8
Westlake	5,582	51,520	64,026	48,254	53,699	50,345	51,998	0.9	3.2	7.6
Winnsboro	6,051	46,674	55,074	50,588	49,855	55,609	41,710	-10.7	-25.0	3.4
Wisner	1,414	6,333	7,364	5,593	7,995	5,758	6,316	-0.3	9.6	2.3
Youngsville	1,205	13,120	13,658	12,901	12,811	11,356	17,625	34.3	55.2	4.2
Zachary	7,889	110,490	94,335	130,103	121,694	136,820	135,714	22.8	-0.9	18.1
Total		26,799,174	24,212,464	24,229,655	13,959,240	13,972,498	10,303,409	-61.6	-26.3	-8.2

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Table 1 (Corrected)

Data on Louisiana Metropolitan Areas

State/Metro Areas	Unemployment Rate 8/85 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate 7/85 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate 8/84 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Ranking by Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Among 51 States and 240 Metro Areas 7/85*	% Change in Number of Persons Employed 8/84-8/85
Louisiana	11.1%	11.2%	11.4%	11.4%	9.6%	9.7%	2**	0.7%
New Orleans	11.2%	11.3%	11.9%	11.7%	9.2%	9.3%	16	-2.0%
Baton Rouge	10.1%	9.9%	10.7%	10.2%	8.5%	8.3%	27	1.8%
Houma/Thibodaux	10.3%	na	10.8%	na	9.4%	na	25	0.5%
Lafayette	8.6%	8.6%	9.2%	8.9%	7.7%	7.6%	45	-0.2%
Lake Charles	13.7%	14.1%	14.3%	14.2%	13.2%	13.4%	7	-3.3%
Alexandria	9.2%	9.4%	9.7%	9.6%	7.7%	7.9%	37	1.5%
Shreveport	8.5%	8.7%	9.0%	8.5%	7.0%	7.2%	51	1.8%
Monroe	9.4%	9.6%	9.3%	9.3%	9.0%	9.1%	45	-2.5%

*Ranked from highest unemployment rate to lowest unemployment rate. The metropolitan area with the highest unemployment rate is ranked number 1 and the area with the lowest unemployment rate is ranked number 240.

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United States

The U.S. economy is recovering from its lackluster performance during the first half of 1985. Revised estimates indicate that the real Gross National Production (GNP) grew at an annual rate of 4.3 percent in the third quarter following a 1.1 percent annual growth during the prior six months. Most analysts expect the national econony to grow approximately 3 percent during the next year.

The Federal Reserve Board's Index of Industrial Production was unchanged in October following a 0.1 percent decline in September. Overall, the industrial output increased 1.3 percent during the first ten months of 1985. The gain in industrial output is likely to be inhibited due to foreign imports and the sluggish build up of business inventories.

Seasonally adjusted retail sales dropped 3.3 percent in October, following a revised 2.1 percent gain in September. The sharp decline reflected the drop in car sales following the end of subsidized financing by the automakers. Although auto sales dropped 15 percent in October, the sales in other categories actually increased 0.5 percent. Sales of merchandise other than autos is expected to grow moderately, but the sales of autos will depend on the financial incentives provided by the automakers. Total housing starts increased 10.8 percent in October, following a 8.7 drop in September. Stable interest rates and a growing economy should sustain housing construction during the coming months.

The U.S. civilian unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was unchanged at 7.1 percent in October. Total civilian employment increased 0.3 percent since September. Employment gains were widespread and included a 60,000 increase in factory payrolls, reversing the decline since the early part of 1985. Total employment is expected to decline steadily during the the next few months. As a result unemployment rates should be stable in the near future.

The U.S. Leading Economic Indicator increased 0.3 percent in October, following a revised 0.4 percent gain in September. The latest increase in the leading indicator

represents the sixth consecutive monthly gain in the index. This suggests that the national economy shold continue to grow moderately through 1986.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased at an annual rate of 3.8 percent in October, suggesting a slight increase in inflation for the future. The Producer Price Index (PPI) increased at an annual rate of 10.8 percent. The increase in PPI was primarily due to an increase in auto prices, following the discounted auto prices in the prior two months. Interest rates are projected to be stable during the rest of the year, which should sustain the interest sensitive sectors of the economy such as construction, and sales of big ticket items bought on credit.

Louisiana

The Louisiana economy improved, moderately in October, although the gain was not enough to reduce the level of unemployment. The seasonally adjusted total employment increased 0.2 percent since September and was 1.5 percent above the level of October 1984. The unemployment rate, also seasonally adjusted, was 11.5 percent compared with a revised 11.4 percent in September. Louisiana continued to have the second highest unemployment rate (10.7% unadjusted), among all the states of the nation in

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September. Only West Virginia with a 12.6 percent unemployment rate was ranked higher. Among the neighbouring states, Texas with a 7.2 unemployment rate, Mississippi with a 9.8 percent unemployment rate and Arkansas with a 8.4 percent unemployment rate were ranked 15, 3 and 10 respectively. Alabama and Tennessee ranked 12, and 14 in order of unemployment. This means that the relative unemployment situation in Tennessee had improved in September while the situation in Louisiana and Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas and Texas was either unchanged or became worse.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 3,600 in October, but it was 11,700 below the level of October 1984. Most of the increase in employment was in the government sector and the retail trade sector. Government employment increased due to a seasonal gain in state and local education employment. The gain in employment in retail trade was mainly due to an increased hiring at stores for the holiday season. The employment in durables manufacturing declined due to cutbacks in the primary metals production, machineries, communication equipment and transportation equipment.

The Louisiana Economic Indicator (LEI) declined 0.46 percent in October, primarily due to a drop in the index for mining. The pessimistic outlook for the mining industry is expected to restrain the economic activities in the state during the next six to nine months. The construction index also declined slightly. On the other hand, the index for manufacturing increased slightly, reversing the trend since March. The overall outlook suggests that the Louisiana economy will muddle through until the latter half of 1986.

General state sales collections reported in October were 2.2 percent higher than in September, but it was 0.9 percent less than in October 1984. New car and truck sales fell sharply in October, reflecting the end of the sales subsidies provided by the automakers in the previous two months. The value of construction contracts also dropped in October, due to a sharp decline in nonbuilding construction, although building construction increased moderately. The general outlook suggests that some of the key sectors of the Louisiana economy such as mining, transportation, communication and public utilities face declines in the coming months. Some of supporting sectors such as trade services should continue to grow moderately.

New Orleans

The New Orleans economy experienced a moderate upturn in October. The seasonally adjusted total employment increased 0.29 percent in the current month, but it was 0.7 percent below the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 11.4 percent, unchanged since September. Only 16 metropolitan areas out of a total of 253 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than New Orleans in September (Table 1, Column 8). This again represents a slight improvement in relative unemployment rate since August. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 900 workers in October but it was 14,200

below the level of a year ago. All the major sectors of the economy except construction and retail trade had declining employment in October.

The New Orleans Leading Indicator increased slightly in October, although it has been virtually unchanged since June. This suggests that the metropolitan economy will be sluggish during the next few months.

Retail sales taxes reported in September declined 4.7 percent since the prior month and they were 1.5 percent below the level of September 1984. Other indicators of the metropolitan economy such as the value of construction contracts and airport activities declined in September, but the cargo handled at the port increased moderately. This indicates that although certain sectors of the economy are improving, the metropolitan economy is not yet ready for a takeoff.

Baton Rouge

The Baton Rouge economy improved moderately in October. The seasonally adjusted total employment increased 0.35 percent since the previous month and was 2.6 percent above the level of October 1984. The unemployment rate, also seasonally adjusted, was 10.2 percent, which was unchanged since September. A total of 30 metropolitan areas out of 253 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than Baton Rouge in September (Table 1, Column 8). Total nonagricultural employment increased by 700 workers since September. The gains in employment were mainly in construction; transportation and public utilities; retail trade, and government. The employment increased by 1,700 since October 1984.

The Baton Rouge Leading Indicator increased very slightly in October following the modest gains since the beginning of the year. This suggests that the metropolitan economy should continue to grow during the next several months.

Retail sales taxes reported in September increased 9.4 percent compared to August, and they were 0.6 percent higher than in September 1984. Other indicators of the metropolitan economy such as the value of construction contracts and cargo handled at the port increased in September,

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Louisiana	10.9%	11.5%	10.8%	11.4%	9.5%	10.1%	2**	1.5%
New Orleans	10.9%	11.4%	11.0%	11.4%	9.5%	10.0%	17	-0.7%
Baton Rouge	10.0%	10.2%	10.0%	10.2%	8.5%	8.8%	31	2.6%
Houma/Thibodaux	10.6%	na	10.6%	na	8.8%	na	24	-1.7%
Lafayette	9.1%	9.5%	8.7%	9.1%	7.6%	7.9%	49	-1.9%
Lake Charles	13.2%	14.1%	13.2%	13.9%	12.7%	13.5%	9	-1.1%
Alexandria	8.7%	9.4%	8.4%	9.2%	7.6%	8.3%	57	2.2%
Shreveport	9.5%	9.7%	9.3%	9.6%	7.1%	7.3%	37	0.9%
Monroe	9.1%	9.5%	9.0%	9.5%	8.9%	9.3%	43	4.4%

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but airport activities declined. This indicates that the metropolitan economy was showing signs of recovery in some of its key sectors. The recent employment gains and the trend in the leading indicator also suggests that the local economy should continue to improve moderately in the coming months.

Houma/Thibodaux

The Houma/Thibodaux economy declined in October. Total employment dropped 0.8 percent since September. The unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, was 10.6 percent, unchanged since September. Only 24 metropolitan areas out of a total of 253 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than Houma/Thibodaux in September (Table 1, Column 8). Total nonagricultural employment declined by 700 workers in October. All major sectors of the economy except transportation experienced a downturn. Employment declined by 2300 since October 1984.

Retail sales taxes reported in September increased 3.4 percent since August, but they were 5.3 percent below the level of a year ago. The value of construction contracts dropped sharply since the prior month and also compared to September 1984. The metropolitan economy should improve moderately during the next few months.

Lafayette

The Lafayette economy faltered in October continuing the trend set in August. The seasonally adjusted total employment decreased 1.0 percent in the current month, and was 1.9 percent below the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemploymnet rate was 9.5 percent, compared with 9.1 percent in September. A total of 48 metropolitan areas out of 253 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than Lafayette in September (Table 1, Column 8). Total nonagricurtural employment declined by 1000 workers in October. All the sectors of the economy except federal government either declined or remained unchanged. Employment dropped by 4000 compared with October 1984.

Retail sales taxes reported in September increased 1.6 percent since August, but they were 12.7 percent below the level of a year ago. Other indicators of the local economy such as construction contracts and airport activities increased in September.

The recent decline in employment which is the most significant indicator of Lafayette economy stems from the weakness in the oil & gas industry. Since this industry is not expected to recover in the immediate future, the local economy is unlikely to rebound within the next few months.

Lake Charles

The Lake Charles economy stalled in October. The seasonally adjusted total employment was viturally unchanged and it was 1.1 percent below the level of a a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 14.1 percent, compared with 13.9 in August. Lake Charles had the ninth highest unemployment rate among the 253 metropolitan areas of the United States.

Total nonagricultural employment declined by 300 workers since September. The employment in manufacturing was relatively stable, but it declined in almost all other sectors of the economy. Employment dropped by 2,200 during the past twelve months.

Retail sales taxes reported in September increased 2.7 percent, but it was 1.3 percent below the taxes of September 1984. The other indicators of business activity such as the value of construction contracts and port activities increased in September, but the airport activities declined. The outlook suggests that the economy of Lake Charles will be sluggish during the next several months, although certain sectors such as trade and services may improve moderately.

	Unemployment Rate						Leading Indicators					
	Louisiana			United States			Louisiana 1976 = 100			United States 1967 = 100		
Month	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
Jan	11.8	**10.9**	11.4	10.4	**8.0**	7.4	105.7	**112.0**	110.4	145.2	**164.5**	166.3
Feb	12.7	**11.0**	11.9	10.2	**7.8**	7.3	105.9	**112.6**	110.3	147.4	**166.5**	167.6
Mar	12.7	**10.4**	11.9	10.2	**7.8**	7.3	106.0	**112.9**	110.4	150.2	**167.2**	167.8
Apr	12.4	**10.0**	11.4	10.2	**7.8**	7.3	106.3	**113.1**	110.4	152.5	**168.1**	166.9
May	12.3	**9.9**	11.2	10.1	**7.5**	7.3	106.8	**113.2**	110.4	154.4	**168.2**	167.3
Jun	12.5	**10.0**	11.6	10.0	**7.1**	7.3	107.4	**113.3**	110.1	157.3	**166.7**	167.5
Jul	12.1	**9.9**	11.7	9.5	**7.5**	7.3	108.1	**113.4**	109.6	158.2	**163.9**	168.6
Aug	11.7	**9.6**	11.3	9.5	**7.5**	7.0	108.6	**113.3**	109.0	158.9	**164.4**	170.0
Sep	11.1	**9.3**	10.8	9.1	**7.4**	7.1	109.2	**112.8**	108.3	160.0	**165.7**	170.6
Oct	10.5	**9.5**	10.9	8.8	**7.3**	7.1	109.8	**112.1**	107.8	162.4	**164.2**	171.1
Nov	10.7	**10.2**		8.4	**7.1**		110.4	**111.4**		162.5	**165.1**	
Dec	10.3	**9.8**		8.2	**7.2**		111.2	**110.8**		163.4	**164.1**	

Alexandria

The metropolitan economy improved in October. The seasonally adjusted total employment increased 0.49 percent since September and it was 2.2 percent above the level of October 1984. The unemployment rate, also seasonally adjusted, was 9.4 percent compared with 9.2 percent in September. Out of a total of 253 metropolitan areas in the United States, 56 had a higher unemployment rate than Alexandria in September. (Table 1, Column 8).

Total non-agricultural employment increased by 100 workers since September. The gains in employment were primarily in the retail trade and the services sector. The employment in October was 300 above the level of a year ago.

Retail sales taxes reported in September increased 9.3 percent since the prior month, and increased 2.6 percent since September 1984. The value of construction contracts increased in September, but airport activities which is another indicator of the local economy, declined. The Alexandria economy should grow moderately during the next few months.

Shreveport

The Shreveport economy improved moderately in October. The seasonally adjusted total employment increased 0.48 percent since the prior month and 0.9 percent since October 1984. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.7 percent compared with 9.6 percent in September. Out of a total of 253 metropolitan areas in the United States 36 had a higher unemployment rate than Shreveport in September (Table 1, Column 8). Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 100 workers in October. Employment either declined or was unchanged in all the sectors except in government where it increased due to schools openings for the fall.

The Shreveport Leading Indicator declined slightly in October, suggesting an uncertain outlook for the metropolitan economy during the next few months. Retail sales reported in September were 6.4 percent lower than in the previous month and 10.6 percent below the level of a year ago. The value of construction contracts increased in September. The layoffs by A T & T is having repercussions across all sectors of the metropolitan economy. However, the local economy should begin to recover next year.

Monroe

The metropolitan economy improved in October. The seasonally adjusted total employment increased 1.2 percent since September and was 4.4 percent higher than the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 9.5 percent, unchanged since September. Out of a total of 253 metropolitan areas in the United States, only 42 had a higher unemployment rate than Monroe in September (Table 1, Column 8).

Total nonagricultural employment increased by 500 workers in October. Employment increased in the manufacturing, mining, construction, wholesale trade and the services sector. Other sectors such as transportation and public utilities; retail trade and the government either had declines or no change in employment.

Retail sales taxes reported in September decreased 0.4 percent compared to the previous month and dropped 15.8 percent compared with September 1984. The value of construction contracts increased in September, but the number of airline passengers, which is another business indicator, declined. The outlook suggests the metropolitan economy will advance moderately during the next few months.

Leading Indicators

Month	New Orleans			Baton Rouge			Shreveport		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
Jan	101.2	**105.6**	97.3	96.0	**103.0**	98.4	98.7	**109.6**	103.1
Feb	101.7	**105.9**	97.4	96.7	**103.3**	98.4	100.8	**110.0**	102.3
Mar	102.1	**105.9**	97.7	97.5	**103.4**	98.4	102.9	**109.7**	101.6
Apr	102.4	**105.5**	97.9	98.1	**103.1**	98.6	105.1	**108.7**	101.3
May	103.1	**104.8**	98.2	98.5	**102.4**	98.9	106.9	**107.3**	101.6
Jun	103.9	**103.9**	98.4	99.0	**101.5**	99.2	108.2	**105.9**	102.1
Jul	104.4	**102.6**	98.5	99.4	**100.6**	99.5	109.0	**104.8**	102.5
Aug	104.8	**101.2**	98.5	99.9	**99.7**	99.6	109.2	**104.2**	102.8
Sep	104.9	**99.8**	98.4	100.5	**99.1**	99.8	109.0	**104.0**	103.0
Oct	105.1	**98.6**	98.5	101.2	**98.7**	99.8	108.8	**104.0**	102.9
Nov	105.1	**97.8**		101.9	**98.5**		108.7	**104.0**	
Dec	105.3	**97.5**		102.5	**98.4**		109.0	**103.7**	

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							Latest Month: Same Month Prior Year	Latest Month: Prior Month	Latest 12 Months Compared With Prior 12 Months
■ Employment & Wage Statistics		Oct 84	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85	**Oct 85**			
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)		1,963.6	1,981.4	1,987.8	2,006.2	2,019.0	**2,023.0**	3.0	***0.1***	1.0
Total Employed (000)		1,776.4	1,751.6	1,755.9	1,780.3	1,800.4	**1,803.2**	1.5	***0.1***	-0.2
Non-Agricultural Employment (000)										
Non-Agricultural		1,608.9	1,593.3	1,580.1	1,578.5	1,593.6	**1,597.2**	-0.8	***0.2***	0.0
Wholesale And Retail Trade		381.3	381.6	381.7	381.8	381.4	**384.5**	0.8	***0.8***	0.5
Government		323.4	322.4	315.8	314.5	325.9	**328.9**	1.7	***0.9***	1.4
Services		315.4	316.7	314.2	314.4	319.1	**318.5**	0.9	***-0.2***	1.1
Manufacturing		184.0	180.7	177.9	176.8	175.6	**175.3**	-4.8	***-0.2***	-1.0
Transportation & Public Utilities		118.6	116.2	115.2	118.7	114.3	**113.7**	-4.2	***-0.6***	-1.3
Construction		119.8	112.4	111.6	113.1	114.0	**114.4**	-4.6	***0.3***	-6.9
Finance, Insurance, And R E		83.3	84.3	84.4	84.5	84.3	**84.3**	1.2	***0.0***	0.8
Mining		81.3	79.0	79.3	79.1	79.0	**77.6**	-4.6	***-1.8***	-1.3
Total Unemployed (000)		187.2	229.7	231.9	225.9	218.6	**219.7**	17.3	***0.5***	11.1
Unemployment Rate		9.5	11.6	11.7	11.3	10.8	**10.9**	14.7	***0.9***	10.0
Unemployment Benefits (000 Weeks)		217.4	233.2	285.6	250.8	241.7	**263.1**	21.0	***8.8***	8.2
Unemployment Benefits ($ Mil)		32.2	34.0	41.6	36.1	35.5	**38.6**	19.8	***8.7***	7.0
Average Weekly Mfg Hours		41.0	41.5	41.0	39.9	41.6	**41.5**	1.2	***-0.3***	-0.2
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings	$	412.87	425.38	424.76	415.15	434.30	**432.43**	4.7	***-0.5***	3.4
New Claims (000)		32.6	36.7	31.7	33.6	27.7	**31.8**	-2.5	***14.8***	-4.2
Exhaustions (000)		5.9	6.2	7.6	7.0	6.6	**6.8**	15.2	***3.0***	-3.8
Regular State Unemployment Benefits										
Number of Recipients		199,643	216,892	266,885	234,110	230,866	**248,976**	24.7	***7.8***	na
Benefits Paid	$	29,061,964	31,180,739	38,368,867	33,275,086	32,698,081	**35,395,195**	21.7	***8.2***	na
Federal Employees										
Number of Recipients		1,211	1,020	1,358	1,312	1,312	**1,391**	14.8	***6.0***	na
Benefits Paid	$	154,751	129,841	183,300	185,610	188,298	**198,711**	28.4	***5.5***	na
Ex-Servicemen										
Number of Recipients		1,825	1,157	1,400	1,341	1,414	**1,621**	-11.2	***14.6***	na
Benefits Paid	$	273,183	181,072	218,041	204,128	217,686	**248,801**	-9.0	***14.2***	na
■ Retail Trade ($ Mil)		Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Total Retail Sales		1,818	1,780	1,908	1,803	1,774	**1,848**	1.6	***4.1***	1.8
Total Department Sales		188	178	187	172	171	**188**	0.0	***9.9***	2.5
■ Revenue Collections	$	Oct 84	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85	**Oct 85**			
Alcoholic Beverages										
Liquor & Wine Tax		1,412,287	1,681,557	1,392,534	1,444,173	1,464,133	**1,479,620**	4.7	***1.0***	-4.8
Beer Tax, State		3,396,198	3,636,245	3,289,263	3,329,994	2,910,567	**2,309,390**	-32.1	***-20.7***	-6.6
Retail Alcoholic Beverage		1,968,648	1,344,620	2,228,966	888,787	1,386,478	**2,430,477**	23.4	***75.2***	na
Corporation Franchise Tax		3,967,236	8,962,239	4,600,371	4,840,717	11,182,147	**8,204,384**	106.8	***-26.7***	87.6
Gift		44,958	75,892	149,484	137,832	84,672	**73,294**	63.0	***-13.5***	32.0
Hazardous Waste		642,537	43,758	984,375	2,534	476	**652,034**	1.4	***36,881.9***	na
Income										
Corporation Income Tax		12,909,996	45,011,307	10,380,163	10,690,176	41,202,333	**12,403,607**	-4.0	***-69.9***	5.6
Individual Income Tax		52,313,378	39,858,596	41,276,215	55,721,986	42,653,241	**62,204,218**	18.9	***45.8***	25.9
Inheritance & Estate Transfer		3,001,827	2,194,029	2,316,221	2,967,171	2,366,106	**2,870,530**	-4.4	***21.3***	-16.3
Natural Resources										
General Severance Tax		32,278,410	58,327,169	65,969,127	54,881,694	68,282,562	**57,299,614**	77.5	***-16.1***	-8.9
Reforestation Severance		19,909	na	4,968	na	6,435	**13,773**	-30.9	***114.0***	na
Occupation License		26,598	8,387	9,720	12,030	3,017	**15,751**	-40.8	***422.0***	-59.8
Petroleum Products										
Gasoline Tax		24,220,111	25,749,757	23,617,328	26,558,152	21,169,493	**25,777,546**	6.4	***21.7***	51.1
Inspection Fee (Gasoline)		67,950	62,140	62,937	64,829	66,594	**72,790**	7.1	***9.3***	-7.8
Special Fuels		5,209,368	3,572,941	5,273,729	4,657,518	3,688,843	**5,146,974**	-1.2	***39.5***	50.8
Public Utilities & Carriers										
Inspection & Superision Fee		28,723	7,537	3,661	16,178	1,990,110	**-1,974,161**	-6,973.1	***-199.1***	-0.6
Natural Gas Franchise		320,554	511,704	828,953	1,199,345	453,801	**453,336**	41.4	***-0.2***	3.5
Transportation & Communication		698,250	26,407	5,116,994	2,136,368	33,998	**381,186**	-45.5	***1,021.2***	17.2
Louisiana General Sales tax		86,511,857	87,957,946	92,870,382	84,918,234	83,858,300	**85,771,390**	-0.9	***2.2***	-93.7
Soft Drink		1,078,669	1,020,185	1,174,139	1,234,643	1,134,779	**900,579**	-16.6	***-20.7***	5.9
Soft Drink Permit		15	391	-369	22,690	-22,696	**20**	33.3	***-100.0***	445.5
Tobacco		7,543,135	7,170,844	7,480,904	6,729,061	7,122,631	**7,715,681**	2.2	***8.3***	19.9
Tobacco Permit		35	35	25	5	5	**20**	-42.9	***300.0***	-8.1
Unclaimed Property		765,471	24,950	30,810	10,219	73,118	**179,612**	-76.6	***145.6***	-20.1
Other Taxes										
Beer Parishes & Municipalities		390,671	543,505	439,428	508,191	373,437	**345,552**	-11.6	***-7.5***	-5.3
LA Stadium & Exposition District		1,089,247	831,892	1,122,809	947,572	612,211	**698,211**	-35.9	***14.0***	2.4
New Orleans Exhibition Hall		437,800	351,540	485,763	405,764	240,885	**286,856**	-34.5	***19.0***	5.4
Motor Vehicle Tax		12,404,674	11,675,954	14,265,010	12,107,519	14,583,504	**12,992,307**	4.7	***-11.0***	20.9
Royalties, Rentals, and Bonuses		44,087,977	37,598,797	35,295,396	37,743,437	39,685,055	**32,087,183**	-27.3	***-19.2***	na
Total ($000)		296,836	338,250	320,669	314,176	346,606	**320,792**	8.0	***-7.5***	17.1

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■ Construction	Sep 84	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	**Sep 85**			
Value of Cons Contracts ($ Mil)	302.3	347.4	292.9	327.5	366.2	**293.9**	-2.8	***-19.8***	-4.3
Residential	137.1	137.7	89.6	171.8	109.6	**132.8**	-3.2	***21.1***	-22.7
Non-Residential	119.6	147.3	92.6	116.6	128.5	**161.1**	34.6	***25.3***	-6.2
Non-Building	45.6	62.4	110.7	39.1	128.1	**70.3**	54.1	***-45.2***	59.5
Number Of Construction Contracts	2,364	2,759	1,599	3,920	1,945	**2,969**	25.5	***52.6***	-27.8
■ Number of Permits	Sep 84	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	**Sep 85**			
Residential Building	1,941	1,703	1,866	1,639	1,740	**1,221**	-37.1	***-29.9***	-36.7
One Family Houses	1,103	1,079	850	1,197	974	**811**	-26.5	***-16.8***	-27.4
Two Family Buildings	44	56	24	64	66	**40**	-9.1	***-39.4***	-41.9
Multi-Family Buildings	794	568	992	378	700	**370**	-53.5	***-47.2***	-46.1
Commercial & Industrial	1,286	1,470	1,062	1,375	1,119	**1,163**	-9.6	***3.9***	-8.0
Hotels & Motels	264	109	0	39	23	**73**	-72.4	***217.3***	-50.6
Churches	7	6	5	6	7	**4**	-42.9	***-42.9***	-10.6
Industrial Buildings	11	18	14	25	31	**11**	0.0	***-64.6***	13.1
Hospitals	9	2	1	7	4	**4**	-55.6	***0.0***	-36.7
Offices, Banks, & Profession	54	62	44	70	67	**45**	-16.7	***-32.9***	3.1
Retail Stores	76	77	82	102	109	**130**	71.0	***19.2***	-1.8
Additions & Alterations	549	786	541	718	511	**652**	18.7	***27.5***	1.3
Other Buildings	316	410	375	408	367	**261**	-17.5	***-28.9***	-6.1
■ Value of Permits	Sep 84	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	**Sep 85**			
Residential Building	81,840,839	69,437,761	76,059,623	68,379,403	70,978,310	**53,879,296**	-34.2	***-24.1***	450.7
One Family Houses	62,344,052	56,111,294	44,885,795	58,046,447	51,221,799	**43,579,404**	-30.1	***-15.0***	-24.9
Two Family Buildings	877,595	1,377,648	484,737	2,372,848	1,641,227	**1,034,174**	17.8	***-37.0***	-37.8
Multi-Family Buildings	18,619,192	11,948,819	30,689,091	7,960,108	18,115,284	**9,265,718**	-50.3	***-48.9***	-49.2
Commercial & Industrial	85,744,939	126,656,557	115,073,033	111,823,819	119,290,176	**105,460,082**	22.9	***-11.6***	18.7
Hotels & Motels	16,360,516	1,225,000	0	331,261	329,187	**1,442,861**	-91.2	***338.3***	-80.0
Churches	1,397,747	321,632	1,297,688	841,087	815,887	**1,076,099**	-23.1	***31.8***	-39.0
Industrial Buildings	2,280,083	4,181,479	5,204,202	3,934,033	8,799,703	**2,673,200**	17.2	***-69.7***	33.4
Hospitals	6,965,143	3,457,172	1,440,000	5,402,771	5,761,869	**2,782,630**	-60.1	***-51.8***	-56.8
Offices, Banks, & Profession	11,315,453	50,816,876	66,169,742	27,406,129	21,709,788	**28,437,088**	151.3	***30.9***	48.8
Retail Stores	11,718,123	17,674,182	13,759,903	25,360,142	16,901,454	**24,322,397**	107.5	***43.9***	13.7
Additions & Alterations	25,660,007	31,378,684	19,931,441	29,326,352	42,264,714	**38,961,485**	51.8	***-7.9***	17.2
Other Buildings	10,047,867	17,601,532	7,270,057	19,222,044	22,707,574	**5,764,322**	-42.7	***-74.7***	-3.9
■ General Business Activity	Oct 84	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85	**Oct 85**			
Corporation Filings									
Domestic Charters	735	961	1,208	694	808	**989**	34.5	***22.4***	11.6
Amendments To Dom. Charters	81	117	113	89	107	**147**	81.4	***37.3***	33.6
Notices of Dissolution	48	82	56	42	56	**56**	16.6	***0.0***	-20.1
Dissolutions	158	232	186	151	214	**171**	8.2	***-20.1***	107.5
Mergers or Consolidations	48	220	221	156	98	**219**	356.2	***123.4***	141.7
Foreign Qualifications	153	134	161	94	148	**149**	-2.7	***0.6***	7.9
Amendments to Foreign Charters	10	26	28	12	26	**30**	200.0	***15.3***	30.1
Withdrawals	47	36	29	29	34	**29**	-38.3	***-14.8***	50.3
Telephone Lines (000)	1,742.4	1,756.7	1,758.0	1,755.9	1,756.0	**na**			
Foreign Coal Exports (000 Tons)	522.2	657.4	627.8	997.7	766.2	**781.1**	49.5	***1.9***	53.0
Foreign Coal Imports (000 Tons)	551.8	683.0	676.8	626.4	443.9	**na**	na	***na***	na
■ Fuel Consumption (000 Gals)	Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	**Jul 85**			
Gasoline	150,050	169,496	178,212	174,526	178,470	**177,504**	18.2	***-0.6***	-4.9
Gasohol	294	5,681	5,874	3,690	7,179	**15,680**	5,218.4	***118.4***	na
Highway Diesel	25,155	31,981	30,186	21,766	31,639	**28,853**	14.7	***-8.9***	-7.3
Highway LPG	403	338	545	565	1,324	**232**	-42.5	***-82.5***	9.0
Total Fuel Consumption	175,904	207,497	214,818	200,548	218,614	**222,270**	26.3	***1.6***	-2.5
■ Crude Petroleum Production	Jul 84	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	**Jul 85**			
Crude Runs To Stills (Daily Avg.)									
CITGO Petroleum	222,606	165,298	210,758	217,034	223,457	**224,063**	0.6	***0.2***	-23.4
CONOCO Inc.	95,198	120,652	129,549	130,479	128,389	**100,867**	5.9	***-21.5***	7.2
EXXON Company	403,688	452,213	435,018	398,783	426,584	**448,292**	11.0	***5.0***	1.5
Gulf Oil Company	188,350	186,297	197,172	198,285	189,751	**196,684**	4.4	***3.6***	12.2
Marathon Oil	175,403	164,724	164,871	173,253	165,644	**165,544**	-5.7	***-0.1***	-8.4
Murphy Oil Company	49,210	45,139	45,485	50,113	55,454	**54,774**	11.3	***-1.3***	-9.1
Shell Oil Company	211,312	186,612	122,508	166,445	178,260	**173,141**	-18.1	***-2.9***	-8.7
Tenneco Oil Company	89,363	97,119	105,772	108,897	97,935	**97,935**	9.5	***0.0***	20.1
Texaco Inc.	45,268	173,840	181,714	174,532	124,757	**190,685**	321.2	***52.8***	40.3
Others	106,032	114,993	138,011	162,804	160,322	**161,081**	51.9	***0.4***	-2.2
Total	1,586,430	1,706,887	1,730,858	1,780,625	1,750,553	**1,813,066**	14.2	***3.5***	-0.3

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■ Drilling Rigs			Oct 84	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85	**Oct 85**		
Permits Issued			817	507	619	540	490	**498**	-39.1	***1.6***	-16.1
Wildcats Issued			84	51	68	76	56	**na**	na	***na***	na
Offshore Rigs			14	12	14	16	17	**na**	na	***na***	na
Active Rigs			266	212	250	232	219	**199**	-25.2	***-9.2***	-5.2
■ Gas Activity Report • MCF			Aug 84	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	**Aug 85**			
Field Intake			60,285,209	52,664,824	53,202,811	51,488,458	49,440,571	**50,547,843**	-16.2	***2.2***	na
Pipeline & Other Intake			62,058,718	51,869,718	55,603,738	53,220,211	38,917,240	**35,346,477**	-43.1	***-9.2***	na
Sales to Pipelines			101,339,541	84,671,509	88,265,973	84,953,393	70,250,597	**69,430,813**	-31.5	***-1.2***	na
Sales to City Gates & Industrials			5,452,230	4,798,468	4,892,508	4,815,349	4,480,361	**3,337,927**	-38.8	***-25.5***	na
Return to Field			1,996,379	2,482,351	2,272,099	2,188,225	1,652,664	**1,657,164**	-17.0	***0.2***	na
Returned for Gas Lift			2,842,919	2,692,661	2,832,108	2,594,218	2,673,869	**2,537,061**	-10.8	***-5.2***	na
Returned to Reservoir			1,695,930	1,825,771	1,907,324	1,828,445	1,882,078	**1,807,288**	6.5	***-4.0***	na
Vented			267,408	174,796	277,294	254,758	197,659	**204,448**	-23.6	***3.4***	na
Plant Fuel			3,826,682	3,188,575	3,387,446	3,212,480	2,942,034	**2,911,222**	-24.0	***-1.1***	na
Shrinkage and Other			4,922,838	4,700,411	4,971,797	4,861,801	4,278,549	**4,008,397**	-18.6	***-6.4***	na
New Car Sales	Oct 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85	**Oct 85**			
Audi	na	na	96	56	75	82	na	92	83	78	51	**66**	na	***29.4***	na
BMW	na	na	67	54	80	85	na	72	52	69	98	**70**	na	***-28.6***	na
Buick	929	875	1,089	785	1,034	987	1,013	1,022	958	936	1,274	**1,040**	2.6	***-18.4***	-13.5
Cadillac	350	305	408	294	339	358	379	402	380	382	468	**326**	-14.0	***-30.4***	-12.4
Chevrolet	1,381	1,320	1,957	1,452	1,905	2,231	1,848	1,767	1,755	1,657	2,397	**1,922**	4.0	***-19.9***	-4.0
Chrysler	523	349	490	438	571	584	444	674	428	353	707	**495**	11.4	***-30.0***	55.6
Datsun	677	687	876	599	735	723	417	1,027	1,045	902	1,137	**1,018**	144.1	***-10.5***	24.6
Dodge	509	328	534	453	600	562	454	426	394	364	533	**449**	-1.2	***-15.8***	25.8
Ford	1,828	1,416	1,986	1,453	1,899	1,968	2,130	1,873	1,603	1,512	2,507	**1,631**	-23.5	***-35.0***	-0.9
Honda	419	384	766	340	386	484	537	381	382	363	424	**305**	-43.3	***-28.1***	-6.1
Lincoln	397	282	396	248	317	272	397	240	291	365	515	**310**	-22.0	***-39.9***	13.0
Mazda	190	129	185	175	200	202	214	209	200	254	266	**260**	21.4	***-2.3***	3.1
Mercedes	na	na	126	88	86	74	na	95	68	104	77	**61**	na	***-20.8***	na
Mercury	648	664	736	559	715	714	758	621	684	688	1,059	**631**	-16.8	***-40.5***	-1.9
Oldsmobile	1,236	1,160	1,673	1,276	1,511	1,648	1,285	1,654	1,581	1,415	1,964	**1,362**	5.9	***-30.7***	-15.8
Plymouth	307	233	373	339	427	408	273	236	244	296	369	**358**	31.1	***-3.0***	33.6
Pontiac	838	748	1,018	702	1,033	1,258	1,114	1,111	847	866	1,551	**1,147**	2.9	***-26.1***	-0.4
Porshe	na	na	36	29	28	29	na	27	27	18	28	**19**	na	***-32.2***	na
Renault	83	74	49	53	93	86	108	69	50	55	162	**70**	-35.2	***-56.8***	-37.8
Subaru	na	na	97	88	111	86	na	110	99	92	122	**145**	na	***18.8***	na
Toyota	714	661	936	703	768	550	801	1,085	939	972	1,039	**753**	-6.0	***-27.6***	9.1
Volkswagen	60	78	113	94	111	125	88	168	146	156	175	**156**	77.2	***-10.9***	20.7
Volvo	74	113	128	87	129	137	81	123	116	143	118	**76**	-6.2	***-35.6***	-7.9
Other	392	412	164	102	134	131	499	185	160	167	199	**196**	-60.8	***-1.6***	-59.8
Total Car Sales	11,555	10,218	14,299	10,467	13,287	13,784	12,840	13,669	12,532	12,207	17,240	**12,866**	0.2	***-25.4***	-0.1
New Truck Sales	Oct 84	Dec 84	Jan 85	Feb 85	Mar 85	Apr 85	May 85	Jun 85	Jul 85	Aug 85	Sep 85	**Oct 85**			
Chevrolet	1,561	1,376	1,912	1,289	1,763	1,818	1,803	2,233	2,121	1,755	2,019	**2,012**	11.5	***-0.4***	-2.3
Datsun	276	298	566	453	369	452	300	394	321	318	399	**427**	42.3	***7.0***	40.7
Dodge	651	631	875	811	1,007	1,013	750	864	801	651	848	**662**	-11.8	***-22.0***	17.5
Ford	1,969	1,679	2,233	1,690	2,163	2,183	2,261	2,399	2,112	1,667	1,836	**1,596**	-29.5	***-13.1***	-11.1
GMC	508	399	547	388	514	540	641	696	649	528	654	**631**	-1.6	***-3.6***	2.9
International	na	na	35	26	66	60	na	49	45	49	19	**28**	na	***47.3***	na
Mazda	108	116	183	151	152	142	198	147	164	140	153	**196**	-1.1	***28.1***	-11.4
Peterbilt	na	na	4	3	21	8	na	7	2	5	5	**2**	na	***-60.0***	na
Toyota	481	481	823	648	674	595	678	700	604	777	792	**499**	-26.5	***-37.0***	6.1
Other	388	431	472	380	464	613	474	506	428	360	402	**369**	-22.2	***-8.3***	0.9
Total Truck Sales	5,942	5,411	7,650	5,839	7,193	7,424	7,105	7,995	7,247	6,250	7,127	**6,422**	-9.7	***-9.9***	0.3

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